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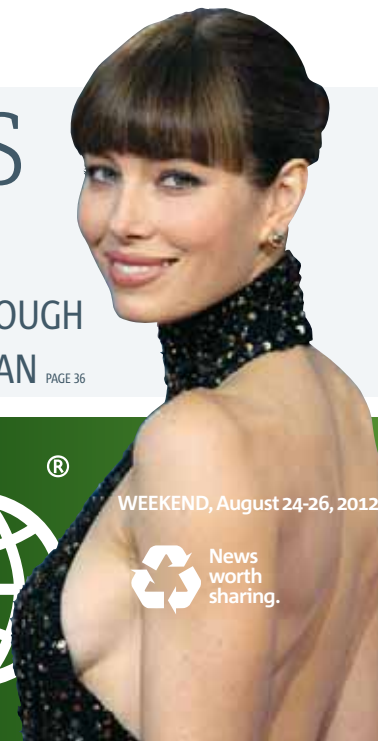
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Albertans don't seem to be getting the message on distracted driving with thousands of tickets issued over the past year since new legislation was enacted. METRO FILE PHOTO

# Distracted driving a big ticket issue

**Us and them.** Police have issued 3,582 tickets in Edmonton and 4,688 in Calgary

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It seems people are still not getting the message when it comes to distracted driving, but despite that, the province's transportation minister says they'll stay the course on penalties.

Edmonton police have handed out 3,582 tickets from Sept. 1, 2011 to the end of July 2012, according to numbers provided to Metro. From this

number, 3,440 tickets were handed out to people using their cell phones, or other communication devices, while driving, police said.

Surrounding communities are finding the same stubborn habits are hard to break.

Const. Tim Gaultois said about 400 tickets were given out in Leduc in the last year. He said they have found people are still having difficulty following the law.

"I see people driving and texting all the time," said Gaultois. "They will be behind the police car and they are texting."

When asked earlier this week about potentially bumping up the fine or adding on some demerit penalties, Transportation Minister Ric McIver

offered little indication that would happen in the near future.

He pointed to a more serious charge already in existence, driving without due care and attention, which garners a \$402 fine and six demerit points.

"Three of those, you lose your license," McIver said. "We have got an array of fine levels and types of offences ... for that reason, we are not considering adding to it."

RCMP Const. Wally Henry said in Strathcona County — which was the first municipality in the province to enforce a distracted driving law in 2009 — the frequency and number of tickets issued has not changed.

WITH FILES FROM JEREMY NOLAIS

## Gluten-free festival food?

Some Edmontonians are calling on festival organizers to include allergen-free food on their menus

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Politician disrupts memorial to accuse South African government of complacency over miners' shootings

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# Edmonton to add bike box to cycling route near university

**Priority.** Box allows bikes to move ahead of cars at stop light



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Edmonton's first bike box, used to organize cyclist and motor-vehicle traffic, will be added to the bike route on 87 Avenue and 116 Street next month.

Bike boxes are a green area in the front of an intersection used for cyclists to get ahead of the pack during a red light. Cars must sit behind the green box during a red light and bikes and cars can't turn left or right during a red light, but bikes can move ahead to get in front. Once the light turns green, cyclists proceed before motorists.

Bike boxes are already used in several Canadian cities, including Calgary.

"It's an intersection tool that makes the intersection better for all users. It allows motorists to know where cyclists should be. It's a tool that helps cyclists make a more comfortable left turn," said Andrew Siggelkow, project engineer in Transporta-

## Bike-friendly moves

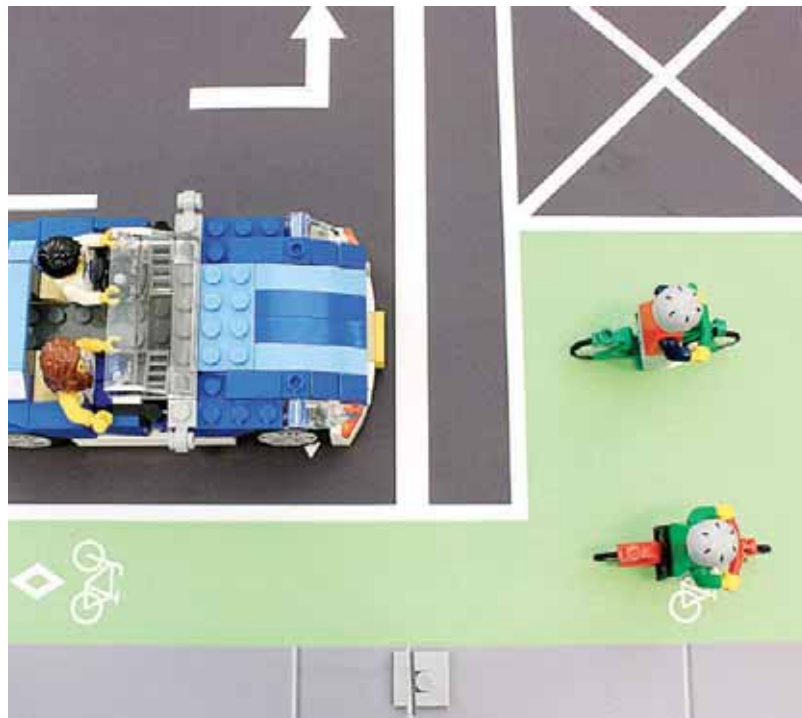
- Bike lanes slated to be added this year include where the bike box will be; at 121 Avenue from Victoria Trail to 77 Street; and at 121 Street from 100 Avenue to 106 Avenue.
- The city added 18 kilometres of bike routes to the south side last year.

tion Planning with the city.

Duncan Kinney, vice-president of the Edmonton Bicycle Commuters, is happy to see the addition to the 15 kilometres of bike lanes the city was already adding this year.

"I'm excited to see a bike box in action. Obviously they're just starting it with one, but I think it could work in many more applications."

It's not clear when the bike box, the planned location of which is near the University of Alberta, will be open. But once it's created, the city will also publish educational material, including advertisements and a video, to teach both cyclists and motorists about proper usage, said Siggelkow.



A City of Edmonton handout photo shows how a bike box will be used at the 87 Avenue and 116 Street intersections. The bike box allows cyclists to move in front of cars at a red light. METRO/CITY OF EDMONTON

## 50 new Alberta schools still the plan



Students like these are continually being crammed into tighter classrooms in a number of communities across Alberta. METRO FILE

Just after declaring two new southern Alberta schools open for learning Thursday, the provincial education minister offered reassurance that his government is on track to build many more.

Education minister Jeff Johnson said despite questions raised by opposition parties over how Premier Alison Redford will fulfill a campaign promise to build 50 schools and renovate 70 more over the next four years in the face of economic uncertainty, the gov-

ernment remains committed to its goal.

"We just don't have the space for students," he added. "The schools that we are opening right now are critical and it's important that we keep looking at investing in schools."

But opposition Wildrose MLA Kerry Towle was quick to point out schools in numerous other communities continue to "burst at the seams."

She added that projected revenue levels lower than those originally forecast in the annu-

al provincial budget could force the Tories into debt if they push ahead with Redford's school pledge.

"That, to me, should be a great concern to all Albertans," Towle said.

But Johnson maintained that he has been given no indication of a change of plans from Redford.

He added, however, that specific locations and construction timelines for the new schools are still being determined. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

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## Festival. County issues stop order, organizers continue

Despite a stop order issued Thursday, organizers of the Mad Hatter Music Festival plan to continue on with their event.

Leduc County announced on their website Wednesday a warning for those heading to the festival on private property just west of Highway 21.

Leila Daoud, county communications co-ordinator, said the required health, emergency and security plans had not been shared, and therefore the necessary

permits were not granted.

"We still do have very serious concerns about the safety and security of whoever might attend the festival," she said.

Festival organizer Sarah Dantzer said the proper measures are in place, and that the news was a shock.

Gates were to open at 12 p.m. Thursday for the four-day festival, featuring electronic and rock music on multiple stages through to Monday. Performers are slated to begin at 4 p.m.

A county peace officer posted the order at 12 p.m., and Daoud said the plan is to keep an eye on the festival should it go forward.

"We will monitor the situation very carefully, and act based on the situation," she said, adding that the county is working in partnership with Alberta Health Services, area RCMP and county fire rescue.

A maximum of 1,000 people will be permitted to the festival, said Dantzer.

HEATHER MCINTYRE/METRO



A performer spins at a Mad Hatter festival. PHOTO COURTESY OF MAD HATTER MUSIC FESTIVAL

## Work ongoing to fix weather's havoc along river valley

**Repair.** Time, money and even engineering work needed to fix some spots



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Heavy rains and intense storms over the summer have flooded streets and basements, but there are other areas that have taken a hit as well.

According to Barry Lozinsky, parks supervisor with the city's community and recreation facilities branch, crews are working at 18 different locations throughout the Edmonton River Valley, where trails and banks have suffered damage.

"Some are not that serious and some are going to take environmental assessments,

and then estimates, and then proceed with the work," Lozinsky said Thursday.

In other words, it is going to take time — and money — to get everything fixed.

"I've got ... roughly \$100,000 worth to do just with gravel, clay and machines to move it back into place, and fix large ruts where the heavy rain has eroded away all my gravel and caused large rutting, which means it's an uneven surface," said Lozinsky.

Longer-term work is in store for banks that have collapsed and areas where landslides have occurred — and Lozinsky said not to expect some of that done before the snow falls.

While this happens to some extent each summer, there has been an increase this year.

"(It's) unusually hard, hard rain," Lozinsky said of the storms. "And they compound each other."



Some areas of the Edmonton River Valley have warnings posted or are closed due to damage from a wet and stormy summer. PHOTO COURTESY CITY OF EDMONTON

## Edmonton neighbourhood named for Fringe founder

A new neighbourhood being developed in southwest Edmonton has been named after the man who created the largest and oldest Fringe festival in North America.

The Paisley neighbourhood, named after Edmonton Fringe Festival founder Brian Paisley, will be located in the Heritage Valley region and will be home to more than 3,000 people once fully

developed.

"The Fringe Festival is one of Edmonton's most loved annual events for citizens and visitors alike. It is thanks to the innovative thinking, creativity and dedication of individuals such as Mr. Paisley that Edmonton has such a strong reputation as a festival city," said David Weir, chair of the city's naming committee, in

a release.

Paisley created Fringe in 1982 with \$50,000 and inspiration from the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. It was the first in North America.

In April 2010, Paisley was named a member of the Order of Canada as "a cultural visionary who has left an indelible mark on Canadian theatre".

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Brian Paisley. CONTRIBUTED



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# Stollery hospital names this year's Champion Child

**Inspiration.** Maddie Dawson fights juvenile arthritis with a 'don't give up' attitude

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Just a year ago, 12-year-old Maddie Dawson wasn't even able to walk. The debilitating disease of juvenile rheumatoid arthritis that she's dealt with since age two had taken a toll.

A year later, thanks to monthly trips to the hospital for an infusion of a new arthritis drug, Maddie is back playing basketball and floor hockey at school.

So being named the Stollery's Champion Child for 2012-13, with travel duties and appearances at hospital events, is a piece of cake for this go-getter, according to Maddie's mom Crystal.

"She's ready to do this. There was never a question,"

## Medical challenges

Edmonton's Stollery Children's Hospital has more than 240,000 patient contacts each year.

- Maddie will need a hip replacement within the next few years and probably again in future. Only two hip replacements are allowed in a patient's lifetime.
- Children's Miracle Network and Walmart sponsor the Champion Child program, which honours children who have triumphed despite severe medical challenges.

said Crystal Donnelly, who will accompany Maddie on trips to Ottawa and Disney World in Florida to meet other Champion Children and do work for the Children's Miracle Network.

Announcing Maddie's post

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**"She's ready to do this. There was never a question."**

Crystal Dawson, on her daughter's responsibilities as Champion Child

at the Valley Zoo Thursday, Carolyn McKenzie of the Stollery Hospital Foundation said choosing Maddie was a no-brainer, pointing to her supportive family and positive attitude that made her perfect for the job.

Maddie's rheumatologist, Dr. Janet Elsworth, said while long periods of remission are possible, there will be a hip replacement in Maddie's future, as the lifelong, inflammatory disease continues to affect her joints.

"I tell kids to just keep believing," said Maddie, as Lucy the elephant came by to offer a surprise congratulations. Lucy, who also deals with arthritis, is a favourite of the middle-school student.



Lucy the elephant says hello to fellow arthritis sufferer Maddie Dawson, as Maddie is named the Stollery's Champion Child for 2012-13. LUCY HAINES/METRO

## Anti-logging group disappointed with minister



Grizzlies are listed as a threatened species in Alberta, and University of Alberta researchers say the animals are impacted by logging roads and human activity in their habitat. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Members of an anti-logging group say they're skeptical that a meeting with the provincial environment minister will lead to real change in the Castle wilderness area.

Members of the Stop Castle Logging Group sat down with Minister of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development Diana McQueen at the McDougall Centre in Calgary Thursday to voice their concerns over logging proposed by the Spray Lake Sawmills.

"Yet again, we were in a situation where the minister

listened to our concerns, and that's always appreciated, obviously, but she's been listening to our concerns for a very long time now," said Sarah Elmeligi, senior conservation planner with the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society and a representative from the Stop Castle Logging Group.

"Now is not the time for listening, now is the time for action and that's what we didn't get today."

Alan Brice, a guide with Alberta Fly Fishing Adventures in the Crowsnest Pass, said

he's seen first hand the environmental impact of clear-cutting, as well as the effect it has on tourism.

"All our tourists leave ... they just drive 25 minutes to British Columbia," he said.

McQueen said she is in the process of collecting information from various groups and was hesitant to give a timeline for when a decision will be made about the proposal.

"For me, that was a great opportunity to hear their perspective," she said Thursday.

KATIE TURNER/METRO

## Ongoing battle

Elmeligi said they've been battling with the province on logging issues for more than a decade.

- The Stop Castle Logging Group said they will continue to encourage people to speak out against the proposal.
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## McCauley

Chinatown cleanup  
a costly venture for  
area businesses

Company's coming this weekend, and the inner-city McCauley neighbourhood is getting a good buff and polish so as to put its best face forward.

With the East meets West Festival welcoming visitors to Chinatown and Little Italy on Saturday and Sunday, it's been a mad dash for city crews and businesses to power wash streets and sidewalks, pick up cigarette butts and litter, and nudge the homeless along their way and out of the doorways and back alleys that are often

their shelters.

Rattan Lawrence, executive director of the Chinatown Little Italy Business Association, said while it's fine to celebrate the heritage and culture found throughout the area, she's frustrated by serious issues like homelessness, drugs and the defacing of businesses with urine, vomit, feces and drug needles.

"We can plant trees and put in benches, but we're more interested in doing business peacefully. We need to make the area safe and clean first," said Lawrence.

Area business owner Dustin Lowry said despite his costs for window replacement and clean-up, he's trying to put something good back into a bad situation.

"Everyday in this neighbourhood is an adventure," he said.

Area councillor Jane Batty said while there are no easy solutions to these long term issues, the city is committed to revitalization in McCauley.

"We're at the table trying to make a difference," she said.

LUCY HAINES/FOR METRO



Dustin Lowry, owner of Tattoos and Skateboards in Chinatown.

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# East meets west in centennial celebration of art and culture

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A whole city block from 99 St. at 107 Ave. is being shut down and readied for Chinatown's day to shine at this weekend's East Meets West Festival.

Edmonton's Chinatown, modest in size compared to those of other major cities, is still vibrant and involved, according to Rattan Lawrence, executive director of the Chinatown Little Italy Business Association.

Rattan points to the full day of festivities as a centennial celebration of art, culture, food and entertainment, even Chinese opera. A free stage runs from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday with Lion Dance, music, food and craft vendors.

"It was the brainchild of the McCauley revitalization effort to bring our two areas together," said Lawrence.

Sunday is Little Italy's turn to shine, and Giovanni Caboto Park on 95 St. will be bustling from 12 to 9 p.m. with music, song and, of course, food.

Teresa Spinelli, owner of the Italian Centre Shop, knows well the heritage of Little Italy, as her father was one of the original Italian immigrants to this part of the city. Spinelli has documented the city's days of illegal wine-storage through the mural now adorning the side of her specialty shop.

The heart of Italian culture is also found at Santa Marie Goretti Church, which sits in the shadow of Commonwealth Stadium and serves the city's entire Italian Catholic population.

Wander the area on Sunday and see what brings Edmontonians to this cultural enclave every weekend, festival or not.

## Cultural enclave

- Bustling Chinatown has more than 250 businesses between 97 and 101 Streets. In Little Italy, a concentration of shops, cafes and parks runs along 95 and 96 Streets.
- 96 Street is known as church street with its concentration of buildings of many faiths. Houses of worship from Catholic and Pentecostal to Buddhist crowd the street.



Teresa Spinelli, owner of the Italian Centre Shop on 96 St., does brisk business every day in Italian specialty foods: meats, cheeses, olives and breads. Her business will be on display at this weekend's cultural festival.

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# Still a need for more gluten-free options at city festivals

**Allergies.** Not all festivals are created equal when it comes to diets with special needs, Metro finds



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Some Edmontonians are calling on city festival organizers to make allergen-free food and other special dietary needs available and more clearly advertised.

Eating at festivals and fairs can be a challenge for those with dietary restrictions, says Abisaac Saraga, who writes the blog GlutenFreeEdmonton.com with wife Amanda.

The Canadian Celiac Association

estimates that 1 in 100 Canadians have a gluten-sensitivity.

Jennifer Sheehan, communications co-ordinator for Northlands, said that it is up to vendors to display if products are gluten-free or vegetarian friendly.

"We work with (vendors) to make sure they can offer a variety, which includes working with allergies, gluten free, or

any other dietary restrictions."

Heritage Festival also said it is up to vendors to state if their products are allergen free or meet special dietary restrictions.

"By all means, ask the people who are serving the food," said executive director Jack Little.

But that's not always the easiest solution, said Saraga.

"It is up to my wife to fend

for herself: take the risk to go to one of these festivals (where) she may not be able to have food, or if she does, then go through a series of questions at these very busy food stations to ensure she does not eat anything containing gluten. The people working at the station are typically just temp serving staff, and not cooks that prepared the food and know the ingredients," he said.

## Menus

Taste of Edmonton has the mostly clearly-marked information on their website, while the Heritage Festival menu only seems to state if something is vegetarian. Metro couldn't find a full menu on the Capital Ex website.



## Hula hooper at the Fringe

Toni Smith wows the crowds at the Edmonton Fringe with her hula hoop act. The New Zealand busker performs her circus-like street act at festivals all over the world.

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## New project launched to find ill-fated ships

**Nunavut.** Inuit oral tradition has been key for previous searches seeking the lost Franklin expedition

The search for the lost ships of the ill-fated Franklin expedition continues.

A new research project was announced Thursday by the prime minister in Nunavut, where the ships are believed to have sunk.

"Why do we search for the Franklin? The wreckage of the Franklin expedition is a national historic site designated some time ago — it is the only undiscovered national historic site, we feel an obligation to discover it," Stephen Harper said.

Sir John Franklin set out from England in 1845 to find the Northwest Passage with two ships, the HMS Erebus and HMS Terror.

But they ended up trapped in ice, and Franklin, along with other crew members, died in 1847. The next year, the surviving crew set out on foot but were never seen alive again.

All this is known thanks to a message left in a cairn on

### Details

- The federal government is contributing \$275,000 to the new expedition, with additional costs being picked up by private partners.
- It's expected to last between four and six weeks.

King William Island, and while the message suggested where the two ships might have been when they were abandoned, previous attempts to find the wrecks have been unsuccessful.

In 2010, a search team did find the remains of the HMS Investigator, sent in 1850 to find Franklin.

The unknown final resting place of the ships was declared a national historic site in 1992, though the ships will remain the property of the United Kingdom.

The search areas will include both the O'Reilly Island area, west of the Adelaide Peninsula and further north to Victoria Strait and Alexandra Strait.

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## Order of Canada. Black capable of defending his membership in writing, federal lawyers say

Conrad Black has a way with words, government lawyers say, and the Order of Canada advisory council is well aware of that — he gave them a copy of his latest book.

Federal lawyers are set to argue in court Friday that Black should have no trouble making written arguments to the council deciding the status of his Order of Canada membership, documents show.

Black, 67, is asking Federal Court to force the advisory council to allow him an oral hearing as it decides whether to recommend the Governor General revoke Black's prestigious membership, bestowed upon him in 1990.

His lawyers are arguing that his case is too complex to be handled in writing — the only medium Order of Canada rules allow. The former media magnate went to Federal Court after his request to make arguments in person was denied.

But documents filed in advance of Friday's hearing show federal lawyers are relying on Black's own prowess with prose to argue that he doesn't need oral arguments to make his voice heard.

The council can recommend members of the order be stripped of their status, but the final decision rests with the Governor General.

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Conrad Black at the Empire Club in Toronto in June. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Infestation

## Medicine Hat escalates battle against rats

Officials in Medicine Hat think it could take two years to clear the city of rats.

The municipality has announced it's stepping up its war on the rodents with a new strategy called "Operation Haystack."

Ed Jollymore, the city's waste manager, says baited hay bales will be scattered around Medicine Hat to attract and kill the vermin with a poison that won't harm people or pets.

Prior to the infestation, Alberta had been largely rat-free for 50 years.

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### Disease

## Resurgence seen in syphilis cases

Cases of syphilis across Canada have risen dramatically over the last two decades, spiking to more than 1,750 cases in 2010 from 177 in 1993, the most recent statistics show.

"People age 30 and older accounted for 73 per cent of all the reported cases in

2010," said Dr. Howard Njoo of the Public Health Agency of Canada. "The other interesting thing is the vast majority of cases are among men."

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### Arctic

## Officials fretted over war game

The administrative wing of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's office worried about the optics of hundreds of Canadian troops taking part in a major NATO-sponsored Arctic war game in northern Norway earlier this year.

Conservatives have made rebuilding the military, more international involvement and a more muscular presence in the North key policy touchstones.

But senior federal officials told the army last fall they weren't sure the country should participate in Exercise Cold Response.

It took the intervention of the assistant deputy minister of policy at National Defence to smooth the way for the army's participation, reassuring senior government officials that were "no policy obstacles" that contradicted Government of Canada procedures.

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## Colorado shooting. Suspect was banned from university, prosecutors tell court

Prosecutors say the suspect in the Colorado theatre shooting made threats and was banned from the University of Colorado after failing a key exam six weeks before the rampage.

They made the accusations about James Holmes in court Thursday as they tried to convince a judge to let them see records from the university, where Holmes had been a graduate student.

They also claim professors had urged Holmes to get into another line of work before the shooting. Attorney Karen Pearson didn't disclose where their information came from, and prosecutors did not give further details on the nature of the threats.

Defence lawyer Daniel King objected to the release of the re-

### Education records sought

- Prosecutors are seeking non-medical education records turned over last week to an Arapahoe County district judge.
- They have said they need the documents to gain access to a notebook reportedly containing violent descriptions of an attack.

cords, calling the prosecution's request a "fishing expedition."

Holmes, a former neuroscience doctoral candidate at the university, is accused of killing 12 people and wounding 58 others in the July 20 shooting.

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### Wisconsin

## First lady meets families of temple shooting victims

First lady Michelle Obama met Thursday with families of those killed and wound-

ed earlier this month when a gunman opened fire at a Sikh temple in Wisconsin. Temple official Kulwant Singh Dhaliwal said Obama offered her sympathies for the Aug. 5 tragedy. He said her appearance is a "wonderful gesture."

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# Judgment day: Breivik's mental state will be focus of court ruling



Confessed Norwegian killer Anders Behring Breivik gestures as he arrives at court in Oslo in this April file photo.

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**Norway massacre.** On Friday, the confessed mass killer will learn his fate — but if he's declared insane, he'll appeal 'on the spot'

Anders Behring Breivik's defence lawyers say the confessed mass killer won't appeal if he's sentenced to prison but he will challenge any ruling that declares him insane.

Breivik's mental state will be the focus when the Oslo district court presents its judgment against Breivik on Friday for the bomb and gun attacks that killed 77 people and injured more than 200 in July last year. After deliberating for two months, a five-judge panel will decide whether to send the right-wing extremist to prison or a mental hospital.

After speaking to Breivik on Thursday, defence lawyer Geir Lippestad said his client would only appeal if committed to psychiatric care. "He is very clear that if he is deemed insane, he will appeal, and appeal on the spot," Lippestad said. An

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appeals trial would likely be held early next year.

Breivik, who claims he is a "militant nationalist," said during the trial that being sent to an insane asylum would be the worst thing that could happen to him and accused Norwegian authorities of trying to cast him as sick to deflate his political views. His lawyers say Breivik is already at work writing sequels to the 1,500-page manifesto he released on the Internet before the attacks.

Regardless of the sentence, Breivik will be taken back to Oslo's Ila Prison, where he has been held in isolation for most of the time since his arrest.

The prison has built a psychiatric ward just for Breivik in case he's declared insane. But even if he is, he wouldn't be placed in that unit if he immediately appeals the insanity ruling, said prison spokeswoman Ellen Bjørcke.

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# Hippo stuck in reserve's swimming pool

**Driven out of herd.**  
Young Harry noticeably relaxed with no other hippos fighting it for dominance

A hefty hippo chased away from his herd at a South African game reserve has found a refreshing place to relax: the lodge's swimming pool. Now it's stuck there.

The young hippopotamus plopped into the pool on Tuesday at the Monate Conservation Lodge north of Johannesburg. The pool is big enough for the hippo to swim but it's eight feet deep with no steps, lodge manager Ruby Ferreira said Thursday.

A game capture team will sedate the hippo and lift it out of the pool with a crane, said Mulsabel Wentzel of South Africa's National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to

## Giant problem

**"There's no way he can come out."**

Ruby Ferreira, lodge manager who says the pool is eight feet deep with no steps

Animals. Much of the water has already been drained to make the extraction easier. A veterinarian will be present during operation hippo extraction on Friday.

Wentzel said the four-year-old hippo's mother gave birth recently, and more dominant males forced him from the herd. The staff has been feeding the hippo but the water in the pool has been getting mucky with hippo poop.

The pool will be drained before the hippo is lifted out.

Because the hippo was chased away by his herd, it will be moved to another animal sanctuary, Ferreira said.

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Harry the hippo in the swimming pool at the Monate Conservation Lodge near Modimolle, South Africa, Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Rats! New species gives rodents a-gnawing name

A unique species of near-toothless rat that lives off earthworms and doesn't chew or gnaw has been seen in Indonesia.

The shrew-like animal with a long, pointed snout was described online in this week's British journal Biology Letters. Paucidentomys vermidax, which translates loosely to "few-toothed rat" and "worm eater," is the only rodent out of more than 2,200 known species that does not have molars and instead has bicuspid upper incisors, it said.

Two rats were found in the mountainous rain forest of southern Sulawesi Island.

Since it lacks cheek teeth, the rat sucks in earthworms and slices them with its incisors before spitting out the pieces and then slurping



Paucidentomys vermidax. MUSEUM VICTORIA-KEVIN ROWE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

bites down whole, co-author Anang Achmadi from Indonesia's Museum Zoologicum Bogoriense said Thursday.

The researchers said the discovery is important because it shows how rodents, which are known for biting and chewing, were forced to evolve to survive in Sulawesi's environment.

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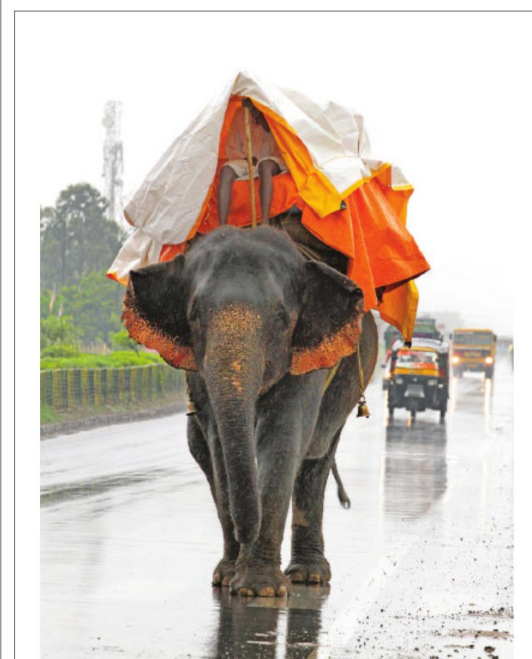
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## Congressman case

## Possible threat investigated

Police are investigating a reported threat against the U.S. congressman criticized for saying that women's bodies have ways of preventing pregnancies in cases of "legitimate rape."

A spokeswoman, Lt. Kimberly Schneider, says there is "an active, open investigation" into a reported threat against Rep. Todd Akin.

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## Break out

## 26 teens flee juvenile facility

Authorities in Guyana say more than two dozen teenagers escaped a state-run juvenile facility in a rural region of the South American country.

Police said Thursday that they have captured eight of the 26 teenagers who escaped from the facility that holds children convicted of misdemeanours or who were abandoned by parents.

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## Mass arrest

## Meth ring foiled by authorities

More than two dozen people have been indicted in California for their roles in a cross-border drug ring that sent methamphetamine to the United States from Mexico.

Federal authorities say 16 of 27 people were arrested Thursday as part of a 16-month investigation.

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## Desperate measure?

## Leader promises inmate deaths

Gambia's president says he has vowed to start executing by mid-September all of the country's inmates who had been sentenced to the death penalty as part of efforts to curb the rising crime rate.

President Yahya Jammeh did not say how many would be executed, but said the death sentences must be carried out as people continue to commit heinous crimes.

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# Craters get Curious as rover roams Mars

## Mission possible.

Vehicle now poised to study whether Mars environment could support life

Now that Curiosity passed its driving test on Mars, the six-wheel NASA rover can set its sights on longer treks.

The first test drive around the pebbly Martian crater where it landed was just that — a test drive. The rover edged forward about 15 feet, rotated to a right angle and reversed a short distance, leaving tracks in the rust-tinted soil.

Mission managers were elated that Wednesday's maiden trek of the \$2.5-billion mission was glitch-free.

"It couldn't be more important," said project manager Peter Theisinger. "We built a rover. So unless the rover roves, we really haven't accomplished anything.... It's a big moment."

The short spin came a day after Curiosity successfully



Curiosity rover's wheel tracks on the surface of Mars are seen in an image sent from one of the rover's cameras. NASA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

wiggled its wheels to test its steering capabilities.

Curiosity landed in Gale Crater near the Martian equator Aug. 5 to explore whether the environment once supported microbial life. The touchdown site has been named Bradbury Landing in honour of the late The Martian Chronicles author Ray Bradbury, who would

have turned 92 on Wednesday.

The rover's ultimate destination is Mount Sharp, a towering mountain that looms from the ancient crater floor. Signs of past water have been spotted at the base, providing a starting point to hunt for the chemical building blocks of life.

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## Cosmo cam

## You too can watch rover on the run

Viewers can now relive the drama of the Curiosity rover's landing on Mars with a new video detailing the final moments of touchdown.

Curiosity is the first spacecraft to record a landing on another planet.

The U.S. space agency Thursday posted the video on its website, embedded with audio from mission control. It starts with the heat shield falling away. The ground grows larger in view as Curiosity is lowered by cables into an ancient Martian crater.

"Touchdown confirmed" is heard, followed by cheers.

The rover arrived on Aug. 5 to begin a two-year mission to examine whether Mars's environment was hospitable for microbial life.

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# Politician hijacks miners' memorial

## South Africa.

Ministers accused of complicity in shootings last week that killed 34 striking miners and wounded 78

A fiery politician cast out of the ruling party Thursday hijacked the main memorial service for 34 striking miners killed by police, to accuse President Jacob Zuma's government of complicity in the shootings. Angry government ministers walked out.

Zuma did not attend any of the services. He called a news conference to announce a retired supreme court judge will head a judicial commission of inquiry to investigate "the facts and circumstances which gave rise to the use of force and whether this was reasonable and justifiable in the particular circumstances."

He announced a wide range of issues for the commission to investigate, including the role of London-



A mourner at the Lonmin Platinum Mine memorial near Rustenburg, South Africa, on Thursday.

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registered Lonmin PLC, which owns the platinum mine where the violence was sparked by union rivalry.

The commission would look at Lonmin's conduct and report "whether the company, by act or omission, created an environment which was conducive to the creation of tension, labour unrest, disunity among its employees or other harmful conduct," Zuma said.

The sombre and grieving tone of the memorial service at the mine was shattered by Julius Malema, who was expelled in April for sowing disunity in the African National Congress. Malema was applauded when he said the government has not intervened in the mines "because our leaders are involved in these mines." He said that President Zuma's foundation and other ANC leaders have shares in the mines.

"Our government has become a pig that is eating its children," charged Malema.

Malema's outburst came after church leaders had urged people not to use the memorial service to score political points.

About a dozen cabinet ministers left before they could address the crowd of more than 1,000 at the mine at Marikana, 70 kilometres northwest of Johannesburg.

Zuma had decreed a week of national mourning to honour all victims of violence in South Africa, which has one of the world's highest murder and rape rates.

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A mine worker addresses the community during a memorial service at the Lonmin Platinum Mine near Rustenburg, South Africa, on Thursday. THEMBA HADEBE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The violence unfolded as some 3,000 rock-drill operators demanded a minimum wage of 12,500 rand (\$1,560 US). The poorest 10 per cent of the population shares 1.1 billion rand while the country's richest 10 per cent has 381 billion, the Congress of South African Trade Unions said Thursday.

In a statement it claimed Lonmin's financial officer is paid 152 times as much as a rock-drill operator at the mine. It claimed the operators earn only 5,600 rand though researchers who work with miners say they make at least 10,000 rand. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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# Lennon's killer denied release by N.Y. parole board

## Mark David Chapman.

Parole board said the crime was 'heinous, unprovoked, violent, cold and calculated'

John Lennon's killer was denied release from prison in his seventh appearance before a parole board, New York corrections officials said Thursday.

Mark David Chapman, 57, was denied parole by a three-member board after a hearing Wednesday, the state Department of Corrections said. Chapman can try again for parole in two years.

He shot Lennon in December 1980 outside the Manhattan apartment building where the former Beatle lived.



Mark David Chapman, murdered John Lennon in 1980.  
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Chapman was sentenced in 1981 to 20 years to life in prison after pleading guilty to second-degree murder.

The musician, singer and songwriter was 40.

"Despite your positive efforts while incarcerated, your release at this time would greatly undermine respect for the law and tend to trivialize the tragic loss of life which you caused as a result of this heinous, unprovoked, violent, cold and calculated crime," board member Sally Thompson wrote.

The panel praised Chapman's conduct and accomplishments but said "parole shall not be granted for good conduct and program completions alone." The board noted there was significant opposition to his release.

In 2010, Chapman recalled that he had considered shooting Johnny Carson or Elizabeth Taylor instead, and said he chose Lennon because he was more accessible. His motivation was instant notoriety.

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## Montana man injured by runaway cow

A runaway cow darts in front of a police car in Billings, Mont. on Tuesday. Morgan Logan, of Acton, who was injured while trying to help corral the cow, has been released from hospital. Logan suffered broken bones in his lower leg and had sore ribs after being thrown by the 1,200-pound bovine. The animal began its rampage after escaping from the Public Auction Yards. BOB ZELLAR/BILLINGS GAZETTE / THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Navy SEAL writer identified

The U.S. navy SEAL who wrote an account of the raid that killed Osama bin Laden under a pseudonym was identified Thursday as Matt Bissonnette, who retired from the navy last summer.

One current and one former U.S. military official confirmed the name, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss military personnel matters.

The book, No Easy Day, is scheduled to be released Sept. 11, with the author listed under the pseudonym of Mark Owen. The publisher asked that his identity be withheld. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS








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# Hot air balloon crash kills four in Slovenia

## Caught in a storm.

Similar balloons are used in Kenya, South Africa and Australia

A hot air balloon that crashed in Slovenia on Thursday was one of the largest of its kind in the world. Tourists who are willing to pay more than \$100 each to be crammed aboard the capsules of such balloons often enjoy sightseeing adventures over the Slovenian Alps and its lakes.

But the giant balloons aren't always easy to operate. On Thursday, this one was swept up in a storm and crashed in a fireball outside Slovenia's capital, killing four of its 32 riders and injuring the rest.

The hot air balloon is the oldest successful flight technology that carries passengers, also known as balloon aircraft.

A hot air balloon consists of a bag called the envelope that contains heated air. Suspended beneath it is a gondola, or in some high-altitude balloons, a capsule. A source of heat for the air in the balloon in most cases is an open flame blower. Thursday's flight offered a ride from near the capital, Ljubljana, and over the Alpine scenery toward Bled, the most popular tourist resort in Slovenia. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Rescuers survey the site of a hot air balloon crash near Ljubljana, Slovenia, Thursday. A hot air balloon carrying 32 people, including children, was swept up in a storm and crashed in a fireball, killing four people.

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## Other crashes

- Balloon accidents occur for a variety of reasons, but human error and the decision to fly during weather warnings are frequently cited as a primary cause. There were rare cases where an accident was attributed to failure of the balloon hardware.
- On Aug. 13, 1989, two hot air balloons collided near Alice Springs, Australia, causing one to crash to the ground, killing 13 people. It is the deadliest hot air ballooning accident in the history of aviation.
- Slovenia has had two major ballooning accidents in recent years. In 2002, one caught fire and nine people were injured. In 2006 four people were hurt when a balloon crashed.

## Regulated industry. Aircraft must meet standards

Smaller balloons are much easier to handle and manoeuvre. Those carrying up to 32 people usually climb vertically up to 2,000 metres and don't move sideways or glide with the wind.

According to international safety regulations, balloon pilots are certified just like airplane pilots and must have operational certificates. Like planes, balloons must meet safety standards and are inspected on a regular basis. In addition, pilots must inform passengers about safety guidelines during flights prior to lift-off. The basket must be robust enough to ensure adequate protection to all occupants even during rough landings. The burner unit must be designed and installed in such a way to avoid a fire hazard.

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Hot air balloons are seen during the World Hot Air Balloon Championship in Battle Creek, Mich., on Aug. 21. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**





Police stand in front of a building that houses an apartment-sharing community of alleged neo-Nazis in Dortmund, Germany, on Wednesday. SASCIA SCHUERMANN/DAPD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# German raids target suspected neo-Nazis

**Report.** The number of far-right extremists has grown to 9,800 from 9,500, according to the intelligence agency

computer hard drives and a wide variety of weapons, the region's top security official said.

The raids to collect evidence came after North Rhine-Westphalia state interior minister Ralf Jaeger banned three local neo-Nazi groups.

"These groups are anti-foreigner; they are racist and they are anti-Semitic," Jaeger said.

The crackdown in North Rhine-Westphalia comes amid a greater focus on the far right in Germany. That was sparked by the revelation last year that

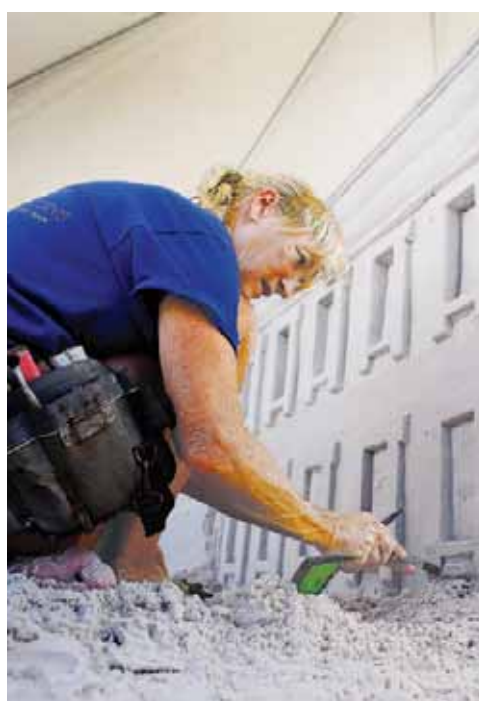
a small group of neo-Nazis apparently managed to kill nine minorities and a police officer over a seven-year period while remaining off the radar.

The existence of the National Socialist Underground group only came to light last November, when two of its three core members were found dead in an apparent murder-suicide after a failed bank robbery.

The third alleged core member, Beate Zschaepe, is in custody pending trial.

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More than 900 police officers raided homes and clubhouses of suspected neo-Nazis in a crackdown in a western German state on Thursday, seizing far-right propaganda material,



## White House on the beach

Meredith Corson works on a sand sculpture replica of the White House on the beach behind the Bilmar Beach Resort on Thursday in Treasure Island, Fla. The Republican National Convention will be held in Tampa next week. JOE RAEDLE/GETTY IMAGES

### South Korea

## Online naming law amended

South Korea's constitutional Court ruled Thursday that a law requiring online contributors to use their real names is unconstitutional because it undermines free speech. The law was introduced five years ago in the belief that using real names online would reduce libel, the spread of false rumours and abusive comments in one of the world's most wired countries. Critics also said the law helped contribute to identity theft.

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### Overruled

## Egypt president releases editor

Egypt's President Mohamed Morsi's intervened to release a newspaper editor jailed over accusations of slandering him on Thursday. The ban overrides a court decision ordering Islam Afifi to remain in jail pending trial. The court case caused uproar in Egypt among journalists and intellectuals. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## StatsCan. Three children? Canadian families appear to be getting larger

When Jody Nickerson got married six years ago, she and her husband knew they wanted to have children and agreed on a magic number.

"We didn't want just one," says the Edmonton high school teacher, now a stay-at-home mom with three little girls.

"We just liked the three-kid family ... it's a good number."

Census figures from Statistics Canada released earlier this year show the number of Canadian children aged four and under jumped 11 per cent between 2006 and 2011. Although highest in the Prairies — particularly Alberta, with a 20 per cent spike — it marked the first time in 50 years that an increase was recorded in every province and territory.

Statistics Canada attributed the bump to a growing number of women aged 20 to 34 — the preferred age range for child-rearing — as a result of the children of baby boomers having kids of their own.

Still — what's with all the trifectas?

Nickerson and her hus-

### Quoted

**"When families can predict and plan and budget, and they're feeling safe and secure, they tend to have more children."**

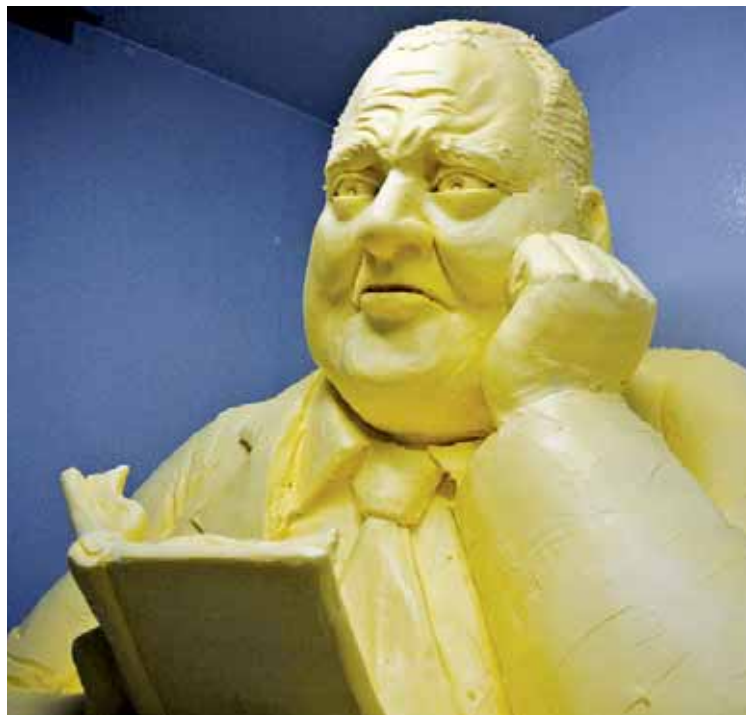
Nora Spinks, CEO of the Vanier Institute of the Family in Ottawa

band, Rhett, a business manager, both come from three-children families. His sister has three children. So do some of their friends.

"But I don't see it as being this crazy fad or trend that everybody's having three kids," says Nickerson. "I just see it in different places."

Nickerson is quick to note that most parents in her west-end neighbourhood have the typical family of two children. But at the Royal Glenora Club, one of Edmonton's most elite private sports and social clubs, most people she knows have three kids. She, she says, even have four.

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## Buttering up Toronto's mayor

A butter sculpture of Toronto Mayor Rob Ford reading a Margaret Atwood book is on display at this year's Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto. The mayor and his brother, Doug, were once embroiled in a war of words with the CanLit legend over libraries in the city.

NIAMH SCALLAN/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

### Investigation

## Hang-gliding death blamed on human error

Human error, not weather or faulty equipment, caused a woman to fall about 300 metres to her death during a hang-gliding trip in British Columbia's Fraser Valley this spring, says an investigation into the tragedy.

In its report into the April 28 accident that killed 27-year-old Lenami

Godinez-Avila, the Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association of Canada also noted multiple distractions may have resulted in a

breakdown of pre-launch procedures.

The report, released late Wednesday, didn't include statements from pilot William (Jon) Orders, who is facing an obstruction of justice charge for allegedly swallowing a memory card thought to be related to the incident. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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# Amateur artist in Spain ruins fresco of Christ

**Borja, Spain.** Priest asked the elderly parishioner to touch up the painting

The distraught 81-year-old woman who turned a damaged fresco on a church wall in Spain into an international joke says she'd been asked to fix the painting by the local priest.

"Everybody who came into the church could see we were painting," an aghast Cecilia Gimenez told the Spanish TV station RTVE.

"We've always repaired everything here," she said.

"Of course, it was the priest" who asked her to touch up the portrait of Jesus Christ that hung in the San-



The 20th-century Ecce Homo-style fresco of Christ before, left, and after an amateur artist tried to restore it. A priest had asked her to touch it up.

CENTRO DE ESTUDIOS BORJANOS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

tuario de Misericordia in the small town of Borja near Zaragoza in northeastern Spain.

The painting, widely misrepresented as a "valuable 19-century fresco," is actually the 20th-century work

of a local man, Elias Garcia Martinez, with mostly sentimental value. Locals say professional restorers have been called in to look at the damage.

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# Paralympic athletes sent home after accusations of sexual assault

**London 2012.** Three members of Jordanian squad will return for a hearing Oct. 18

Jordan pulled three squad members accused of sexual as-

sault in Northern Ireland out of the 2012 London Paralympics on Thursday, sports officials in Amman said.

The Jordanian Paralympic Committee said the three men — two Paralympic power-lifters and a trainer — will be flown home later on Thursday but that they will be returned to

court in Northern Ireland on Oct. 18 for their hearing.

The three were arrested on Monday northwest of Belfast before the start of the Paralympics, which begin Aug. 29. The men were released on bail Wednesday.

The committee said in a statement, "We have zero tol-

erance on any misconduct and will continue to work closely with the Northern Ireland authorities to assist in their investigation."

Police said a 14-year-old girl claimed that she posed for photographs with Omar Sami Qaradhi, 31, before he groped her between the legs in Antrim

on Aug. 18. The same day, a 16-year-old girl said she and a friend were walking near the sports centre when the men blocked their path. Police allege that one of the men pushed the girl towards Qaradhi, who wrapped his arm around her waist and tightened his grip before she ran away.

Qaradhi is facing three charges of sexual assault. He also is charged with one count of voyeurism after allegedly entering a women's changing room at the local sports centre.

The two other men were identified as Motaz Al Junaidi, 45, and trainer Faisal Ham-mash, 35. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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## Refuge from the chaos

A Syrian girl, who fled her home with her family due to fighting between the Syrian army and rebels, sleeps by her family's belongings, while she and others take refuge at the Bab Al-Salameh border crossing, in hopes of entering one of the refugee camps in Turkey, Thursday. **MUHAMMED MUHEISEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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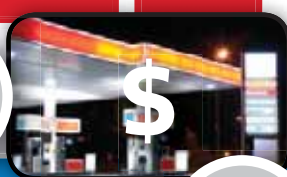
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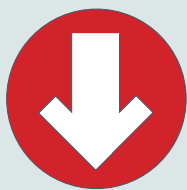
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## Research in Motion

## Carriers get look at new BlackBerry

Some wireless carriers finally got a glimpse of the new BlackBerry smartphones this week, as part of Research In Motion's global effort to drum up enthusiasm for the devices. RIM executives met with carriers in Canada, Mexico and the U.S. to unveil early versions of the new BlackBerrys.

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## Windows 8 coming

## Microsoft unveils revamped logo

Microsoft's corporate logo has a new look, setting the stage for a wave of products designed to cast the world's largest software maker in a new light. The makeover unveiled Thursday marks the first time that Microsoft has revamped its logo since February 1987.

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## No sales boost

## British retailers Olympic losers

A new survey suggests that British retailers were among the losers during the Olympics. The Confederation of British Industry's survey showed that 31 per cent of the sample reported worse sales compared to last year. That was a shock to analysts, who had expected business to go up during the Games.

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# Facebook launches new mobile app

**New version.** No integration of Instagram yet, but latest update for smartphones and tablets focuses on being speedier

On Thursday, Facebook addressed users who had gripes with its app for iPhones and iPads with the launch of a faster version. Rather than add a slew of new features, the company said it rebuilt the application from scratch to make it speedier and less clunky.

In a recent demonstration at the company's headquarters, the new iPhone app opened



A screenshot from Facebook shows its new mobile app, which launched Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

about twice as fast as the older version. Photos and comments also load faster. Users can now "like" comments on photos, which wasn't possible with the previous mobile app.

Mick Johnson, mobile product manager at Facebook, said programmers removed some lesser-used features, such as a way to view the app horizontally, to help speed it up.

The app is available for free from Apple's App Store.

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## All points North for Google Street View

Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his wife Laureen talk with Google Street View team member Mike Pegg in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut, on Thursday. As Harper's northern tour touched down in Nunavut, a team from the search-engine giant was already on the ground. They're working with residents of Cambridge Bay to add elements of their community to Google maps while also fixing past mistakes.

(ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS)

## Housing. Parents helping kids buy homes: Economist

A downturn in the housing market may not be as bad as feared because the important 25-34 age group will continue to buy houses — some with help from their well-off parents, says a senior economist at CIBC World Markets.

While young people may have to postpone buying a house for a few years due to their student debt level, their parents can help them out, Benjamin Tal, deputy chief economist at CIBC World Markets, said Thursday.

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## Credit. Canadians' debt load rising: TransUnion

A new analysis suggests Canadian non-mortgage debt rose to its highest level in nearly a decade during the second quarter.

The latest report of Canadian debt trends by TransUnion found the average consumer's non-mortgage debt load rose to

\$26,221 in the second quarter.

That's up 0.74 per cent from the first quarter of 2012 and up 2.41 per cent from a year earlier.

The credit reporting firm said that's the highest average debt per person it has seen since it began tracking the variable in 2004.

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# Greece must keep pursuing reforms, German and French leaders insist

**Pressure's on.** Merkel, Hollande meet prior to Samaras visit to discuss how to deal with Greece's ever-continuing debt crisis

The German and French leaders on Thursday put the pressure firmly on Greece to keep pursuing painful reforms, suggesting they are hesitant to accept the new Greek prime minister's demand for more time to fix

his country's battered economy and public finances.

Chancellor Angela Merkel and President Francois Hollande met to discuss how to deal with Greece before Prime Minister Antonis Samaras visits both of them over the next two days.

Earlier in the day, Germany's finance minister set the stage for tough negotiations by claiming that giving Greece more time to make reforms would achieve little.

As creditors' impatience grows with Greece, Merkel's government is reluctant to of-

fer significant concessions, but Hollande has generally taken a softer line in the debt crisis afflicting Greece and several other countries in the 17-nation eurozone.

In a charm offensive in German and French media this week, Samaras has been arguing that his nation should have more time to complete reforms that are a condition of it continuing to receive bailout loans. Without the help, Greece would be forced into a chaotic default on its debts and could be forced out of the eurozone.

In brief statements to repor-

ters at the chancellery in Berlin, Merkel and Hollande didn't directly mention Samaras' calls — but made clear that it is first and foremost up to Greece to satisfy its creditors.

Greece's continued access to the bailout packages hinges on a favourable report next month from the so-called "troika" of the country's debt inspectors — the EU, IMF, and European Central Bank. If Greece is found to have failed on key economic reforms that are conditions of the bailout loan, vital funds could be halted.

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German Chancellor Angela Merkel, left, and French President Francois Hollande brief the media prior to a meeting in Berlin on Thursday.

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## Takeover. Nexen bid requires scrutiny: Harper



Stephen Harper arrives in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut, on Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The prime minister says the proposed takeover of a Canadian oil-and-gas producer by a Chinese state-owned firm must be in the best long-term interest of Canada.

Stephen Harper called the \$15.1-billion US takeover bid for Calgary-based Nexen a deal with significant implications for the Canadian economy in the short- and long-term.

"Our government will take the time we have to properly scrutinize this transaction and to assess that, if it is to go ahead, that it will only go ahead if it is in the best long-term interest of the Canadian economy," he said.

Harper made the comments while in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut, as part of his northern tour, which has focused on promoting natural resources development in Canada.

The China National Offshore Oil Company's proposed takeover of Nexen was a friendly bid.

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## Pipeline. Judge rules in favour of TransCan in domain case

A Texas judge has ruled against a landowner who wants to prevent TransCanada Corp. from building an oil pipeline across her land.

Julia Trigg Crawford was trying to challenge TransCanada's status as a common carrier — a label that would give the Calgary-based pipeline company the right to eminent domain, enabling it to seize private property for the project.

In a decision late Wednesday, Lamar County Court-at-law judge Bill Harris ruled that TransCanada is a common carrier.

In a statement, Crawford vowed to keep fighting.

"I will continue to proudly stand up for my own personal rights, the property rights of my family, and those of other Texans fighting to protect their land," she said.

The company welcomed the ruling.

"This ruling reaffirms that TransCanada has — and continues — to follow all state and federal laws and regulations as we move forward with the construction of the Gulf Coast Project," company spokesman James Millar said in an email.

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### Unemployment

## Number of EI recipients down in June: StatsCan

The number of people receiving regular employment insurance benefits fell in June.

Statistics Canada reports 507,600 people were receiving EI benefits that month,

down from 512,100 in May.

The number of beneficiaries fell slightly in Nova Scotia, but was up in Ontario and Prince Edward Island.

The number of initial and renewal claims rose 3.4 per cent to 231,600 in June, with more claims in New Brunswick, Alberta, Quebec and Manitoba, but fewer claims in P.E.I. while other provinces were little changed.

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### No formal pact

## Indonesia, Canada look to boost trade

Indonesia is eager to boost trade with Canada, but the South Asian country isn't interested in two of the Harper government's top priorities — pursuing a free trade deal or buying Alberta oilsands crude.

As he arrived in Ottawa for talks with his counterpart John Baird, Indonesian Foreign Minister Marty Natalegawa noted that trade between the two countries soared 60 per cent in the last year.

He said there is plenty of room to boost volume and diversify, without a formal trade pact between the two countries.

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### More benefit-seekers

## Unemployment numbers up in U.S.

The number of Americans seeking first-time unemployment benefits rose a slight 4,000 last week to a seasonally adjusted 372,000, evidence that the U.S. job market's recovery remains modest and uneven.

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**1**

**Dirty Harry.** Harry keeps the flame burning with a new sport that, for some

reason, wasn't included in the London Games: S trip billiards. There's the good Prince William and then there's the bad Prince Harry. Hands up, who do you prefer?

**2**

**Dirty bedside read.** In other naughty U.K. news, a hotel in the Lake District replaced the Good Book with the Very Bad Book — 50 Shades of Grey — in its bedside tables. The hotel manager was denounced from local pulpits, but refused to back down. "The Gideon Bible is full of references to sex and violence, although it's written using more formal language, so James' book is easier to read," he said. That's E.L. James, not King James.

**3**

**Chavril? AvChad?** Chad Kroeger of Nickelback is engaged to Avril Lavigne of Sk8er Boi. Stands with the other great romances of the recent era: Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley; Nicholas Cage and Lisa Marie Presley. We can only assume Chad has yet to meet Lisa Marie Presley.

**4**

**Pussy Riot.** OK, this is a family newspaper. Of course these brazen young women should get two years hard time for singing a song in church while wearing funny outfits. Their very name is an assault on the ears of innocents like Vladimir Putin.

**5**

**Speaking of assault.** Some advice to Missouri Senate candidate Todd Akin: Dr. Oz is the only guy on Earth who gets to talk about the female reproductive system on TV, and that's only because he's been blessed by Oprah. And never, ever use the words "legitimate" and "rape" in the same time zone, never mind next to each other in the same sentence.

**6**

**National park.** Let's change the subject. We have a new national park, our 44th. Up north somewhere, it's called Naáts'ihch'oh National Park Reserve, causing the editors at Canadian Press Caps and Spelling to apply for stress leave. Environmentalists are complaining that it's too small, only 4,840 square kilometres, which is about three times the size of Yoho but two-thirds the size of Banff. Just go to Yellowknife, then turn left, go another 680 kilometres and you're there. Lots of grizzly bears, but no golf course. Yet.

**7**

**Speaking of up north somewhere.** The Google Street View tricycle is tooling around Cambridge Bay, population 1,477, way up there in Nunavut, a mere 1,770 kilometres from the North Pole as the Snowy Owl flies. Google is now officially everywhere.

**8**

**The cult of Jack Layton.** It's been a year since the untimely death of the former NDP leader, but his legend grows, as vigils across the land mourn his loss and celebrate the memory of the man who failed to get elected prime minister four times in a row. Eat your heart out, Stephen Harper.

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Prince Harry is seen — clothed — in this photo taken at the 2012 Summer Olympics, prior to his debauchery in Las Vegas.  
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### Light topography

### Cooking up a lightstorm

This stunning image captures a kitchen like no other, illuminated using a novel technique known as light topography.

To achieve the science-fiction effect, Finnish artist Janne Parvianen traces surfaces with LED lights and exposes the shots for 30 minutes. There is no Photoshop or image editing.

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### Meet the artist



**"Art is the key to your emotions."**

Janne Parvianen, artist and teacher  
Despite the futuristic visuals, this old-fashioned message is how Parvianen describes his philosophy.

### Q&A with Parvianen

- **What is most difficult about this technique?** It is quite challenging to draw into three dimensional space, so it takes a lot of planning and training. It is usually through trial and error that I find the right positions and the figures for the final photo.
- **What emotions do the images inspire?** I'm trying to put as much

soul in my photos as possible. My main interest has always been human emotions and trying to express them through art. I really like to use strong visual elements in my photos such as skeletons and people laying on the ground to create images that make you wonder what is really happening in them. A skeleton can be happy or sad, it doesn't always have to be seen as a grim image.



### Twitter

**@TalusBalls:** All roads in #YEG closed due to mosquito crossings. Deaths from collisions with vehicles effecting city's mosquito count. #YEGTraffic

\$999996 to go til I hit a cool million! #YEG #laugh

**@crimson\_chaos13:** Can someone in #yeg start a break-fast food truck that operates during the work week? I need some better breaky options than T-Ho's #yegfood

**@JeffTetz:** advanced ticket order form came in mail yesterday for #citadel production of A Christmas Carol. Early I know, but it still excites me #yeg

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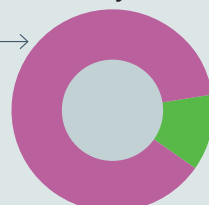
**@the\_ok\_kid:** There are a bunch of really nice #racethebase cars running red lights in downtown #yeg. Cool, douchebags!



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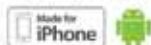
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Joseph Gordon-Levitt is the most extreme bike courier in Manhattan in Premium Rush. HANDOUT

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# Rush is the only thing premium in this film

**Fun ride.** Joseph Gordon-Levitt-led thriller is full of style and action, but lacks any kind of substance

**Richard:** Mark, Premium Rush is like a BMX race with a plot-line. Bikes dart in and out of traffic, defy the laws of gravity and spin on one wheel, which is all cool, except that it overshadows the characters. Only Michael Shannon as the out-of-control cop is memorable enough to rise above the bike stunts and skinned elbows.

**Mark:** In the interests of full disclosure Richard, I cannot ride a bike. In fact, they scare me. So I was unusually

riveted by the action sequences in this film. Which definitely eclipsed the characters! I don't know how I felt about Michael Shannon. He had a presence for sure, but he was also kind of cartoonish which stopped me from taking the movie seriously as a thriller.

**RC:** I don't think it is meant to be taken seriously as a thriller. Any cop who would say, "I forgot to bring my bullets. I'll meet you there," to his cop buddies isn't trying to be Detective Sergeant Joe Friday. He's a wild, bug-eyed caricature of a man on the edge and the second most entertaining thing in the flick (next to the bikes). What did you think of Gordon-Levitt?

**MB:** Not an actors' movie but he can clearly carry off a leading man role. What I really

liked about the movie was its style. The maps, time code, miniatures of Manhattan, and the fractured time narrative all kept me engaged with the limited storyline. Gordon-Levitt's character is called Wiley, as in Wile. E. Coyote, and the movie does have a Roadrunner simplicity. I thought all the gimmicks and stylistic quirks opened it up nicely.

**RC:** In the beginning I feared that the GPS maps that pop up from time to time might be too much style over substance, and in a way I was right. There isn't much substance here, but it is a fun ride.

**MB:** What I really didn't buy was the pointless love triangle among the bike couriers, which was a waste of celluloid. But when you say "fun

Synopsis

Of all the bicycle courier misfits who patrol the streets of Manhattan, Wylie (Joseph Gordon-Levitt) is the most extreme. Stripped of gears and brakes, his bike is a missile charging through the streets of New York, delivering "that thing to that place, fast." A routine pick-up and drop-off turns dangerous when a crooked cop (Michael Shannon) decides he needs what Wylie is carrying more than its intended recipient.

- Richard: ●●●●●
- Mark: ●●●●●

ride" Richard I think you've nailed the picture.

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On the web



Recording Academy launches campaign to get liner notes behind songs on digital music outlets.



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## Cinematic battle. Keanu Reeves documents the digital vs. film debate



Keanu Reeves managed to get the notoriously media-shy Wachowskis (creators of the Matrix) to speak in his documentary *Side by Side*. GETTY IMAGES

The past two decades have seen rapid advancements in digital filmmaking, leading some to worry that good old fashioned film is on its last legs. It's a subject of particular interest to actor Keanu Reeves, who turns documentarian with director Chris Kenneally to see where technology might be taking Hollywood in *Side by Side*. In it, he sits down with a dizzying list of filmmakers — including James Cameron, David Fincher, Martin Scorsese and Christopher Nolan — to see how the different medias measure up.

*Side by Side* goes to great lengths to not only educate its audience on the particulars of film technology over the decades but also to let both sides of the film vs. digital debate have their say. Wally Pfister — Nolan's go-to cinematographer, who is also working on his first film as a director — is firmly on the film side with Nolan, even going so far in *Side by Side* as to describe himself as "anti-technology." Reeves acknowledges this stance might be a bit ex-

treme, since all filmmaking utilizes some sort of technology. "Filmmaking was such an industrial revolution era tool, right? I guess he's demonizing the technology as other because it's new and coming in and it's not quite the technology that he's using anymore, right?" Reeves admits. "Yeah, I guess it is arbitrary in that sense. It's like an emotional, arbitrary comment."

In the documentary, Reeves gets a lot of folks more comfortable behind the camera to sit down in front of it, and his most impressive "get" of the film might be the Wachowskis, who directed Reeves in the Matrix movies and have become even more media-shy since Lana Wachowski underwent gender reassignment surgery. "The idea that they knew me and the idea of the subject matter helped in terms of wanting to speak on camera," Reeves says.

"One of the responses was, 'For you. Only for you.'"

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# Jessica Biel gets all twisted up in new film

**The Tall Man.** Actress took a beating filming movie that's full of plot surprises

NED EHRBAR

Metro World News in Hollywood

Jessica Biel likes a good surprise, which is why she can't really talk too much about her latest film, *The Tall Man*. The shock-filled movie, which screened this summer at the Fantasia International Film Festival in Montreal, is about a small mining town where the mysterious figure of the title has been abducting children for years — or at least that's what it starts out being about. And to hear Biel tell it, she really put herself through the ringer on this one. Just ask her chiropractor.

**With a movie this twist-filled, how do you market it or promote it?**

I don't know how you market it. You can't market it as a horror film because it's not. You can market it as a thriller, but then it kind of changes into a drama. It's still a thriller. It's definitely tense and creepy. It's so hard to talk about it. I just try not to say anything specific (laughs).

**Is that twisty nature part of what drew you to the project?**

Yeah. Because as I was reading the script, I didn't know what



Jessica Biel stars in *The Tall Man*. GETTY IMAGES

was happening at all. I literally couldn't guess. It just kept surprising me, page after page after page. ... It's a lot of twists.

**It didn't look like the most comfortable shoot.**

No, that's for sure. It was intense. It was probably one of the hardest things I've ever done. It was just full-on, every day being pushed by (director) Pascal (Laugier) to a point of no return where I literally was like, "I can't do anymore," and he was like, "Do more. Go. More, more, more" until I exploded with... I don't know. It was intense, but it was the only way to do it.

**This is by no means a glamorous role.**

No, not at all. I somehow seem to enjoy doing these kinds of things every 10 years. It's really masochistic, I think. Like whipping, beating, I don't know what that is. I think it's just the thrill of the fear. And it's the violence in cinema, which is safe, because it's not actually happening — but you're testing the waters of it and you're putting yourself in that position, getting the s---kicked out of you and putting your emotional system in that place but knowing that it's fine. There's something that I find really intriguing about that.

**That sounds exhausting. At least it's once every 10 years and not every role.**

Oh my God, I think I'd have a heart attack. After I did this movie, I went to see my chiropractor. I was like, "I'm having a hard time breathing." And he dug his fingers into my diaphragm — because my diaphragm was jammed up into my ribs because I'd spent two months (hyperventilating) and limping around. And my back was weird, my posture was off, my teeth started to ache because my hips were off because I was limping for two months. It was crazy. I would literally have a heart attack if I did that every year.

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Lawless opens next Wednesday. HANDOUT

# Sixties soundtrack goes down well with prohibition trader tale

**Lawless.** Musician and screenwriter Nick Cave uses the 'boxy' sounds of The Velvet Underground to set the tone in latest film

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While his main vocation is still music, Nick Cave admits he's more than happy to write a screenplay whenever director John Hillcoat asks him to. The latest request from Hillcoat? Adapting Matt Bondurant's book *The Wettest County in the World*, about Bondurant's grandfather and great-uncles running a thriving moonshining operation during Prohibition. Cave also got to take a crack at the music for the film — as he's often done for Hillcoat, most recently for 2009's

the Road. For Lawless, he found some unusual inspiration in the Velvet Underground.

**How did you feel about changing the title from the *Wettest County in the World* to *Lawless*?**

Matt's title — this is what I'm told — didn't translate into other countries. Look, I didn't have anything to do with that. It was a decision that was made closer to when it came out. There's been various reasons why. Foreign territories couldn't translate it effectively, so the film would then have a bunch of different names, and that was not good for the film. I've heard that it sounded like a porn film, the *Wettest County*. But at the end of the day, I think probably the *Wettest County in the World* was just too lyrical to drag in the youth market. I would say it was simply a marketing thing.

**Where did the idea come from to include period**

**versions of more modern songs, like with the Velvet Underground?**

I'm not really sure. Initially we were looking at songs of the time, obviously. But I just personally felt that had been done a lot and had been done really well, like *O Brother Where Art Thou*. I didn't want to be chasing that kind of thing. So the time started to shift a little bit — maybe we take some from a little later. And then, f--- it, let's take something from way over there and see what that's like, and then kind of replay it in a sort of attempt to capture that kind of spirit of that time. But you know, something like *White Light*, *White Heat* already sounds very much fitted to the time anyway on some level — there's a sort of boxiness to the way it's recorded. I think that was the first one, and once we had that we went, "OK, that's what we're doing."

## Action/Comedy



### Hit & Run

**Director.** David Palmer,  
Dax Shepard

**Stars.** Dax Shepard, Kristen Bell,  
Bradley Cooper

Dax Shepard stars as an ex-getaway driver who leaves behind the safety of witness protection to accompany his girlfriend (Kristen Bell) on a job interview to Los Angeles. Unfortunately as he hits the road so does his former partner in crime (Bradley Cooper). Shepard and Bell are a couple in real-life and the chemistry between them shows. When it's just the two of them on screen *Hit and Run* has the makings of a fun romantic action adventure. Unfortunately the movie is also populated by peripheral characters with the combined charm of a slap (stick) to the face.

RICHARD CROUSE

## Documentary



### The Queen of Versailles

**Director.** Lauren Greenfield

**Stars.** Jackie Siegel, David Siegel

Just when you thought you couldn't possibly muster sympathy for a spoiled billionaire, here comes *The Queen of Versailles* — a stirring documentary that examines a time-share mogul and his family just as they begin building a 90,000-square-foot house. But tones shift after the economy collapses and Lauren Greenfield catches the dangers of living beyond one's means like a fly on the wall. Or in this case, like one of Jackie Siegel's stuffed dead dogs on the mantle.

STEVE GOW

## Documentary



### Gerhard Richter — Painting

**Director.** Corinna Belz

**Stars.** Gerhard Richter

When staring at a blank canvas, Gerhard Richter rarely knows how his paintings will turn out. What starts off as colourful may end up grey. But what makes Gerhard Richter — *Painting* so fascinating is watching this creative process unfold. Though a renowned painter, Richter is a self-conscious man and is at times uncertain about sharing his works-in-progress with the world. Gerhard Richter — *Painting* delivers an intimate look into Gerhard Richter's world.

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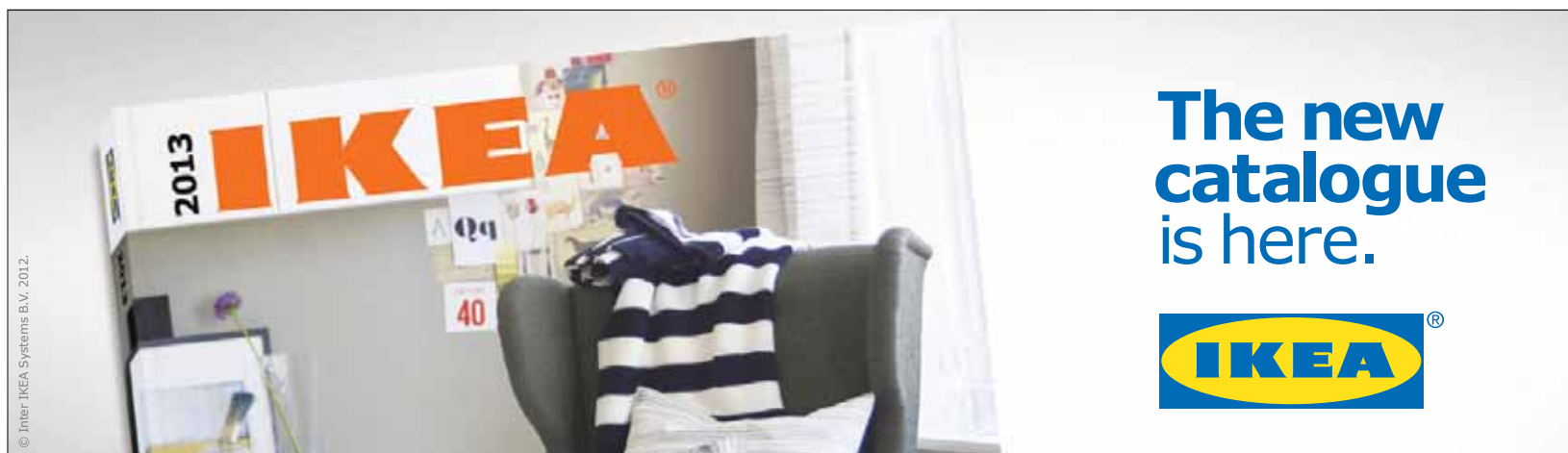
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Hosts of the HGTV series *Live Here, Buy This*. HANDOUT

## BBC America 'really confident' in new drama series *Copper*

**Television.** Featuring Canadian actor Kyle Schmid, the period piece takes viewers to famed Five Points neighbourhood of New York

IAN GORMEY  
For Metro

Something they don't tell Canadian actors who move down South is that despite living in Los Angeles, you'll be spending a lot of time North of the border.

Originally from Mississauga, Ont., Kyle Schmid has lived in the Golden State for the last eight years, but his work has landed him significant stints in Vancouver, Montreal — where he worked on the North American version of *Being Human* — and now Toronto, home base of production for *Copper*,

which premieres this Sunday on Showcase.

"It's the show I'm most proud of," he says. "I can share it with my family and friends and have them come on set and share the same energy I feel."

Created by Oz and St. Elsewhere writer Tom Fontana and executive produced by Diner director Barry Levinson, the series is the first foray into scripted drama for BBC America, where it airs in the States. There is no precedent at the network, Schmid says.

"But BBC is really confident with the show. You do get that feeling on set."

Set in the famed Five Points region of New York in the aftermath of the civil war, the program follows Irish police officer Kevin Corcoran whose wife and child have disappeared.

"I love period pieces because of the history and the wardrobe and the characters and the change in the moral and ethic values," he says. "It's rare (in TV) that you get to do something gritty and grimy."

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### Quote

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Actor Kyle Schmid

Schmid originally auditioned to play Corcoran, but the part eventually went to Tom Weston-Jones. He was brought back to read for the part of Corcoran's friend, Robert Morehouse, the son of a wealthy industrialist.

After several readings he found himself rehearsing with other actors.

"I'm in the room and I think I'm testing for this part. The BBC producers are in there," Schmid recalls. He asked if

# Ever wonder what life could be like elsewhere?

**TV.** Travel-hungry Canucks explore international house swaps in *Live Here, Buy This*

Anyone who's ever dreamt of pulling up stakes and moving halfway across the globe should be able to relate to the wannabe expats in the new HGTV series *Live Here, Buy This*.

These travel-hungry Canucks have grand ideas of making their favourite vacation getaway their family's permanent home-sweet-home and why wouldn't they? Most of the fantasy digs just happen to be in sunny, tropical paradises or culture-rich, centuries-old hamlets.

Of course, actually pursuing such a dream is another matter entirely. And so this show takes a closer look at what a Canadian homeowner could get if they sold their home and bought a comparably priced abode elsewhere.

"The show is really about presenting options

to the homeowners," says Dave Lapsley, one of three Canadian-based hosts who criss-cross the globe to profile far-flung properties.

"Some (foreign) homes, simple homes, were similar to what the homeowners have here ... and then there were other ones (that) were like small castles in Italy or huts right on the beach. There was a treehouse home in Costa Rica. The array of homes was vast."

Each episode of *Live Here, Buy This* profiles a Canadian family musing on what life could be like elsewhere. They pick three dream locations and are presented with two homes in each locale considered equal in value to their current place.

Needless to say, where you could end up and the features you get vary widely depending on where you start and where you want to be.

There seemed to be a lot of bang for your buck in rural Italy. Trading a modest \$140,000 cottage in Barrie, Ont., can apparently get one family a slightly larger stone country home surrounded by

### Quote

**"When you go on vacation and you have the greatest time of your life, you go, 'Oh my God, wouldn't it be great if we could live here?' This is just taking that fantasy one step further."**

Producer Danielle Kiraly

olive groves.

But searching for a pad in Croatia proves surprisingly difficult for a Toronto family of four with a \$575,000 budget. Their wish list gets them an 84 square metre (900 sq. ft.), two-bedroom apartment in the heart of the charming coastal town of Rovinj.

No one actually moves at the end of each episode — this is merely a glimpse at the possibilities for adventurous globe-trotters, says series producer Danielle Kiraly.

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### TV pix



America's Next Top Model's Tyra Banks. GETTY IMAGES

## New faces on Top Model

America's Next Top Model gets a facelift with Friday's season 19 (yes, 19!) debut. The first big change is seen in the new personalities: former boxer and male supermodel Rob Evans, fashion blogger Bryanboy, famed stylist Johnny Wujek, and dancer and choreographer Jonte.

They replace former longtime series stars Nigel Barker, J. Alexander and Toronto-raised Jay Manuel. This season also features the show's first-ever College Edition. (CW).

## Investigative journalism

Going from the inane to the intellectual, we find new episodes of investigative journalism series 20/20 (ABC, CHCH) and Dateline NBC (NBC, CTV Two) airing Friday. There's also an encore airing of the CBC Marketplace episode Super

bug in the Supermarket, in which journalists test 100 samples of chicken from across Canada for harmful germs.

## Learn about the World's greatest Rock 'n' Roll band

The Rolling Stones may have turned down the opportunity to perform at the recent Olympics closing ceremony, as the Guardian newspaper recently reported, but you can catch them Saturday on a biography about the group. The Rolling Stones: Truth and Lies also features interviews with critics and fans. (AUX TV).

## Films of all genres

The popcorn maker will be in overdrive Saturday with several choice film offerings. Among them is *Super Size Me*, in which maverick filmmaker Morgan Spurlock eats only McDonald's food for 30 days (CBC NN).

For action, click to the Steven Spielberg/Tom Cruise double bill of *War of the Worlds* and *Minority Report* (Action). In the comedy vein, there's *Princess Bride* (BITE TV). And for drama, head to *The Girl Who Played With Fire* (Bravo).

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One is the loneliest number and three's a crowd. But a dynamic duo is a match made in heaven, especially when it's found on a TV show. From the crop of new fall series, here are a few fun couples you'll enjoy pairing up with.

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### Catherine "Cat" Chandler and Dr. Vincent Keller (*Beauty and the Beast*)

Unbeknownst to her, he saved her life years ago. Now Keller, in hiding and long presumed dead, tries to find an antidote to his distressing condition: When he gets riled, he turns beastly. But Cat (Kristin Kreuk), now a homicide detective, isn't sweating those details. She admires how Keller (Jay Ryan) likes to help people out. Plus he's hot. Nothing tame about her feelings for him!



### Gavin and Olivia (*666 Park Avenue*)

Gavin Doran is the courtly owner of a grand apartment house in Manhattan. Olivia is his elegant wife. You would be thrilled to be a tenant in their building — that is, if you can overlook a certain devilish streak they share. Played with deft creepiness by Terry O'Quinn and Vanessa Williams, Gavin and Olivia are just the sort of landlords to lock you into a lease you'll never ever be able to break.

# 5 TV couples



### Jack and his dad Tony (*Family Tools*)

Jack Shea is a habitual bungler who, well into adulthood, still hopes to rise above his failures and make his father proud. Now Tony (played by J.K. Simmons) is retiring from his family business, Mr. Jiffy Fix, with no one but his son (Kyle Bornheimer) to take up the reins. Under Tony's jaundiced eye, can Jack change his ways and keep the company going, or will he put Mr. Jiffy Fix in a hopeless fix?



### Dr. George Coleman and his simian sidekick Dr. Rizzo (*Animal Practice*)

Dr. Coleman has a veterinary clinic, and good thing: he much prefers animals to people. How lucky, then, that his closest companion and "medical assistant" is an anthropomorphically motivated monkey. Justin Kirk stars as Dr. Coleman, while Crystal seems born to the role as Coleman's second banana.



### Bryan and David (*The New Normal*)

As a committed couple, they see eye-to-eye on many things. Like, how "abnormal" families have become the new normal. Consider a certain African-American "who was raised by a grandma — and that person seems to be doing just fine," says Bryan. "Barack Obama," David chimes in. "No," Bryan corrects him. "Mariah Carey. But YOUR example works, too." As played by Andrew Rannells and Justin Bartha, Bryan and David navigate the show's loopiness (and their impending parenthood) while leaving no doubt they adore each other.

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# The Boss is back with new frienemies

**Starz drama.** Kelsey Grammer's political drama intensifies with health problems and rising competition

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Chicago is Mayor Tom Kane's town. Portrayed with a commanding ferocity and effortless charisma by Kelsey Grammer, Kane plays the politics game better than anyone, sacrificing family and friends to retain his power on the Starz drama *Boss*. That's despite suffering from the neurological disease Lewy body dementia, though his condition is worsening as Season 2 began last Friday.

"Tom has discovered there are gaps in his life that maybe he would like to fill in, or at least try to," Grammer says. "He realizes that he's not a fully realized human being and only has so many avenues to explore to actually make that different; one being his

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(estranged) daughter, and even his (emotionally detached)

wife."

Despite delivering a with-

ering onscreen stare that real-life Chicago cops have told

### Quoted

"Tom has discovered there are gaps in his life that maybe he would like to fill in, or at least try to."

Actor Kelsey Grammer on his lead role in the Starz political drama *Boss*.

Grammer "is just like Mayor Daley," and Kane's penchant for dirty deeds, the actor insists "there is some humanity available to us to be explored" in the mayor.

Of course, the newspaper editor looking to expose Kane's corruption may not think so — but that's what makes this peek at backroom politics so dangerously appealing.

### Cast additions:

Meet the new players in the Chicago power scene working with Mayor Kane in Season 2. Sanaa Lathan as Mona Fredricks: "Mona is a very smart, politically savvy woman who

grew up on the south side of Chicago," Lathan says. "She grew up in a community that was very disenfranchised. She pursued politics to be an advocate for the people in that community. Kane is really the only one who can do something about (the redevelopment of the neighborhood), so when she has the opportunity to work with him, she takes it."

Jonathan Groff as Ian Todd: "Ian Todd is one of the new employees of Mayor Kane," explains Groff. "Very ambitious, very smart, but very green. (He is) trying to get as close to Mayor Kane as he possibly can ... (while) holding onto deep, dark secrets at the same time."

Tip "T.I." Harris as Trey Rogers: "Trey is a very ambitious young man who comes from a hostile, hazardous environment, but he has plans to (expand) his influence into politics," Harris says.

"He feels that he could do just as good of a job as they can, and he has an interesting approach to it."



Kelsey Grammer stars in the Starz TV political drama *Boss*, which is currently in its second season. GETTY IMAGES

## 'TV tourist' looking for longevity

Even as he's steadily grown a successful career, actor Michael Ealy has always been something of a TV tourist.

He visits shows — including recent recurring turns on such high-profile fare as *The Good Wife* and *Californication* — but doesn't put down roots. Even when the 38-year-old has landed longer-term roles, the shows haven't lasted long — for instance, *FlashForward* and the Showtime drama *Sleeper Cell* managed to eke out a combined 40 episodes.

So the Maryland native has a simple goal for his new series *Common Law*, one that doesn't sound particularly lofty — until you consider his previous experiences in television.

"I'd like it to go more than two seasons," Ealy said in a recent telephone interview. "I haven't gone more than two seasons. I need that kind of leeway — I need that kind of time to really get into it."

"The first season of a show's always a roller-coaster because nobody knows what they're do-

### By-the-numbers

40

Michael Ealy's longest-running TV stints have been on a combined number of 40 episodes between *FlashForward* and *Sleeper Cell*.

ing," he added. "You gotta rush through the season trying to figure out: What is this show? And who are these characters? And I think we had a really good first season considering

we really didn't know. We didn't.

"The *Travis I* discovered at the end of the season is not exactly the same *Travis I* I had envisioned in the pilot."

With that in mind, Canadian audiences can now buckle up and prepare to experience that same ride for themselves.

While the inaugural season of the buddy-cop action-comedy has already aired Stateside, the pilot premieres this Sunday on Showcase. THE CANADIAN PRESS





# Stars set to Stand Up to Cancer

**Telethon.** Paltrow, Roberts, Damon and others coming to a commercial free fundraiser to raise money for research

An A-list cast of celebrities is joining a telethon to raise money and awareness to fight cancer.

Gwyneth Paltrow, Julia Roberts, Matt Damon, Samuel L. Jackson and Emma Stone are among the stars

participating in the third Stand Up to Cancer telethon, the organization announced Wednesday.

Paltrow also is an executive producer for the fundraiser that will be carried commercial-free from 8 to 9 p.m. ET Sept. 7 on the four major broadcast networks, ABC, CBS, Fox and NBC, and more than a dozen cable channels.

Musical performances by Taylor Swift, Coldplay, Alicia Keys and Tim McGraw are planned, and more than 25 movie, TV and sports stars will be on hand to take phone

pledges, said executive producer Joel Gallen.

Laura Ziskin, founder of Stand Up to Cancer and producer of its first two telethons in 2008 and 2010, lost her seven-year fight against breast cancer last year. The Spider-Man movie producer was 61.

Ziskin represents "tremendous shoes to fill," Gallen said. "I can't really replace Laura, but I'm coming from a different point of view, from a respectful point of view, and continuing the mission she was on."

Hope is the theme for this

year's telethon, Gallen said. It will include information on how to prevent cancer and on the treatment research funded by Stand Up to Cancer, also known as SU2C.

The experiences of several patients who are part of Stand Up to Cancer trials will be explored in mini-documentaries that show the progress made in just a few years of effort, Gallen said.

The organization said it has awarded about \$120 million in grant commitments to multidisciplinary research Dream Teams and to scientists. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



{Gwyneth Paltrow is among those joining the Cancer telethon. HANDOUT}



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Michael Strahan. GETTY IMAGES

## Strahan next co-host on Live?

**Television.** Former NFL star very close to joining Kelly Ripa on set of daytime talk show, says source on negotiations

Michael Strahan is in talks to be named co-host of Live! beside Kelly Ripa.

Strahan, 40, a former NFL

star and currently a host of Fox NFL Sunday, was in negotiations to be named as replacement for Regis Philbin, according to a source who spoke on condition of anonymity because the source was not authorized to speak about the negotiations.

Broadcasting & Cable, citing multiple sources with knowledge of the situation, said ABC was expected to announce him as co-host in early September.

The syndicated weekday show has left Ripa without a permanent co-host since Philbin left the show in November 2011. Since then, she has welcomed 59 guest co-hosts, some of whom, including Strahan, were under consideration for the permanent job. Strahan has made several guest appearances this year.

A spokeswoman for Live! declined to comment on Philbin's replacement.

On Monday, Disney-ABC

Domestic Television had said Ripa will officially announce her new partner as he or she joins her on stage for the Sept. 4 broadcast.

Strahan, a former NFL defensive star, also headlined a shortlived Fox sitcom, Brothers, in 2009. Philbin, the original Live! host, exited at age 80 after presiding more than 28 years alongside several co-hosts. Ripa became his on-air partner in 2001.

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# Teletubbies instigator Kenn Viselman changes pre-school movie experience

**The Oogieloves in the Big Balloon Adventure.** Viselman talks about his inspiration in creating toddler television — and now a movie

The marketing genius behind Thomas the Tank Engine and those scandalous Teletubbies knows how to capture the hearts and minds of toddlers. Now he's after their feet.

For his next project, *The Oogieloves in the Big Balloon Adventure*, Kenn Viselman is taking a new approach to the pre-school audience. The movie opens Aug. 29 and will have auditory and visual cues that prompt the children to sing and dance in the aisles.

"Why do we try to make children do what they're naturally not able to do at the age?" Viselman asks of making them sit still and quiet.

"We looked at the experience from a child's point of



Kenn Viselman's latest project is *The Oogieloves in the Big Balloon Adventure*. JOHN CARUCCI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

view, and instead of saying to the child, come to the movie and be an adult, we want

them to come to the movies and be a child," he says. "Let children be children."

Sitting in Starbucks, you'd never know the bespectacled man with a wordy tattoo

## Change of course

A change in career came when Thomas the Tank Engine creator Britt Allcroft brought Viselman on board in 1990 to market merchandise from the show. At first, Viselman says he was "going through the motions" until a letter from the mother of a six-year-old boy with autism changed everything.

- **Quote.** "She tells me how he's in a catatonic state all day and yet when the Thomas segments come on he seems to stop. Do you have anything to send him," Viselman recalls.

wrapped around his right arm was instrumental in creating some of the biggest movements in children's television programming. Before embarking on a career for the pre-school set, he worked in

the garment industry.

After a long hiatus from the business, Viselman returns this month as the producer of the *Oogieloves* movie. And rather than create Computer Graphic Imagery to tell the story, he opted for live action, using a host of stars including Chazz Palminteri, Cary Elwes, Toni Braxton, Jaime Pressly and others. It's something he describes as a blend of "Pee Wee's Playhouse" for the kids and strong, well-known character actors for the adults.

Viselman is confident that *The Oogieloves in the Big Balloon Adventure* will change the movie experience for parents and children alike. And it better. He's planning on showing on 3,200 screens.

Of course, if he has any doubts, all he has to do is read his arm. What does it say?

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# Where have all the rock stars gone?

**Music.** Platinum Blonde frontman says band is back because world needs 'vital' musicians with swagger, wild ways

Platinum Blonde frontman Mark Holmes doesn't have much time for false modesty.

He's not shy about pointing out the multitude of modern bands he feels share DNA with his new-wave outfit, including Phoenix, the Yeah Yeah Yeahs and the Killers. He also isn't afraid of boasting about the state of the newly reformed **Plat-**

inum Blonde — back with a new album and live dates after a two-decade layoff — as not only still relevant, but in fact "vital."

And as the band begins returning to stages across Canada, he's certainly not going to apologize for summoning the same rock-star swagger that helped his Toronto band pack arenas in its '80s heyday. Holmes, who owns Toronto's trendy Mod Club, says that attitude is all too absent from most modern rock.

"A little while ago, I commented on a show I'd seen at the club, that the band looks like the audience and the audience looks like the band — checkered shirts, beards.



Platinum Blonde frontman Mark Holmes poses for a portrait in Toronto last week. MICHELLE SIU/THE CANADIAN PRESS

I thought, really, no one's getting bored of this yet?" Holmes said in a recent interview in the

office of his club.

"I thought, where are the rock stars? We need some rock

stars.... We're rock stars. We're not the people next door, or down the street, or off the block.

"We're rock stars. The people coming to see us deserve to see something that is not part of their general life."

On this day, Holmes certainly looks the part. Clad in a sleeveless hoodie, jeans and flip flops, his hair dark but strategically dishevelled with sunglasses fastened to his face even inside his darkened club, Holmes is friendly and serene as a team furiously prepares his venue for an evening concert.

Yet as he celebrates his

group's penchant for rock-star excess, he also says it was a major cause of their breakup. To hear Holmes tell it, during the band's 1984-88 peak — when they piled up platinum trophies like empty hair-dye bottles thanks to hits including Crying Over You, Not in Love and Situation Critical — they also managed to amass a formidable group of enemies.

"When we went on a bit of a holiday ... the climate around the band wasn't the most healthy one," he said. "The industry was fed up with our hijinks."

Platinum Blonde's new album, *Now & Never*, drops Tuesday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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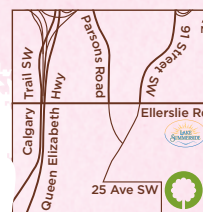
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# Mike Birbiglia's make-out memories

**Review.** Sleepwalk with Me: and Other Painfully True Stories

KILLIAN YOUNG  
For Metro

Mike Birbiglia is something of a comedic Renaissance man, dabbling in many methods to

produce laughter: film, theatre, stand-up, radio and a book.

His 2010 memoir, *Sleepwalk with Me: and Other Painfully True Stories*, has been republished with a new foreword from Ira Glass for the wide release of his movie, *Sleepwalk with Me* (for which Glass was a co-producer and co-screenwriter).

Birbiglia shares traits with some of today's top comedians. He has Louis C.K.'s intrepid

honesty, without the intense cynicism toward relationships.

He has Demetri Martin's low-key personality and subtle delivery. And he has Jim Gaffigan's all-American appetite.

"I would marry pizza, but it would just be an elaborate ploy to eat her whole family at the reception," Birbiglia quips.

For Birbiglia fans, the book doesn't contain too much new content, and that's a blessing and a curse. Readers who are

familiar with Birbiglia's two appearances on Comedy Central Presents and his extended special, *Mike Birbiglia: What I Should Have Said Was Nothing — Tales from My Secret Public Journal*, will recognize the vast majority of his popular jokes.

However, Birbiglia followers will enjoy seeing how jokes translate from stand-up comedy performances into text, and where Birbiglia places emphases while telling them.

Although Birbiglia's style is often personal — sometimes uncomfortably so — he gains emotional traction with his audience by exploring his familial relationships to a greater extent than he has ever done in stand-up.

This is what makes *Sleepwalk with Me* so appealing — it's a no-holds-barred look into the psyche of an average guy, who, through his own modest nature, is exceptionally funny.





# Riding Night Train to success

**Country music.** Jason Aldean explains the reason he chose the title for his next major album release

When Jason Aldean names an album, he looks for a title that fits his life at the moment.

He thinks Night Train, his choice for his much anticipated fifth album, paints the perfect picture.

"It's one of those things where we went from one bus pulling a trailer to all the sudden we've got six or seven buses and eight or nine trucks," Aldean said. "We're all rolling down the interstate together at night, and that's what it looks like. It looks like a big freight train rolling

down the interstate. It just kind of to me sums up how far things have come over the last few years."

Aldean spoke about the new album, out Oct. 16 on Broken Bow Records, just days after playing his first stadium show, the next step on his way to country superstar status. He's sold 1.9 million concert tickets this year and his last album, the multi-platinum My Kinda Party,

produced five hit singles, won the Country Music Association's Album of the Year award and has remained in Billboard's country top 10 for 92 weeks.

Night Train appears set to follow right down the tracks. Take a Little Ride, the first single from the album, set a record for first-week digital downloads by a male country solo artist.

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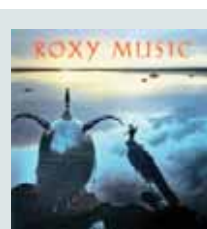
Jason Aldean's next album, Night Train, will be released on Oct. 16  
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## Weekend tunes



**SOUND CHECK**  
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Last Friday, the compact disc turned 30 years old. That got me thinking about the three superbly produced songs I used to demonstrate my new CD player to friends back in the day. If you're buying speakers, test them with these discs.



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# Hip-hop stars start to hit pause on homophobia in rap as gay rights rise

**Frank Ocean.** His recent revelation has many asking the question: when will a gay rapper emerge and be accepted?

Snoop Dogg has rapped in songs where gay slurs have been tossed about.

He's even said them, part of a long list of rappers who have freely used the f-word — the other f-word — in rhyme.

For years, anti-gay epithets and sentiments in rap have largely been accepted, along with its frequent misogyny and violence, as part of the hip-hop culture — a culture that has been slow to change, even as gay people enjoy more mainstream acceptance, particularly in entertainment.

But while perhaps glacial, a shift appears to be on the horizon.

"People are learning how to live and get along more, and



Elton John, left, and Eminem appear together after performing a duet near the end of the 43rd annual Grammy Awards in 2001. FILE PHOTO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

accept people for who they are and not bash them or hurt them because they're different," Snoop Dogg said in a re-

cent interview.

Frank Ocean may be largely responsible for that. The rising star, who revealed on his

blog last month that his first love was a man, is technically an R&B singer. But he has produced and collaborated with

## Ocean

### GLAAD not mad.

- **Quote.** "(The support for Frank is) an extension of the overall kind of support we're seeing across the country for LGBT people, and not just in a broad sense, but specifically from iconic members of the black community," said Daryl Hannah, GLAAD's director of media and community partnerships, who added Jay-Z as those leading the change.

some of music's top hip-hop acts, from Jay-Z to Andre 3000 to Kanye West to Nas. He's also co-written songs for Beyoncé, Justin Bieber and John Legend, and is a member of the alternative rap group Odd Future.

"When I was growing up, you could never do that and announce that," Snoop said of Ocean's revelation. "There

would be so much scrutiny and hate and negativity, and no one would step (forward) to support you because that's what we were brainwashed and trained to know."

Some of hip-hop's key figures have given some kind of support to the gay community. Pharrell Williams recently collaborated with the openly gay pop singer Mika on the song Celebrate.

Jay-Z, like Eminem, has said people of the same sex should be able to love one another. Eminem performed with Elton John at the 2001 Grammy Awards at the height of GLAAD's (Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation) criticism.

Darryl D.M.C. McDaniels of the iconic rap group Run D.M.C. is skeptical about some of hip-hop's recent support of Ocean, since he believes homophobia is still rampant in the culture. Still, he is sure a homosexual hip-hop act will emerge.

"Of course there's going to be a gay rapper."

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Prince Harry

## Prince in hot water at home over photo scandal

In the wake of his nude Las Vegas photo scandal, Prince Harry has been summoned home, heading to Balmoral Castle in Scotland to get a talking-to from Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip as well as his dad, Prince Charles, according to Us Weekly.

A source tells the magazine that the royal bachelor — and third in line for the British crown — will “have to face up to family” for

the outrageous behaviour. And his personal security will have to answer some questions as well — like how the photos could have been taken, let alone leaked. But Harry’s guards needn’t be too worried. “Of course questions will be asked, and matters raised, but no one’s job is on the line,” the source says. “As protection officers, their job is to intervene when his life is at risk, not to protect his image.”

## Gold medal challenge

The London games may be over, but Prince Harry isn’t letting Team USA get away with the swimming gold that easily. The royal challenged Ryan Lochte during the American swimming champion’s 28th birthday party Monday at a Las Vegas pool. Las Vegas

Sun columnist Robin Leach reports the prince stripped down to his jeans and gestured for others to clear the way for the contest at the XS nightclub pool at the Wynn resort. As predicted, the 11-time Olympic medalist won.

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### The Word



## Tax lessons with Beanie Sigel

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On September 12, Beanie Sigel is due to report to prison for a two-year stay for tax evasion.

But although the Philly rapper pleaded guilty to failing to pay around \$350,000 on unreported income, he’s not going quietly.

In fact, Sigel has a perfectly good explanation for not filing between 2003-2005: “The years that they charged me for failure to file taxes is years that I was incarcerated,”

he tells MTV of his stint for weapons and drug charges. “When you’re incarcerated in a federal facility, you’re not allowed to conduct any business at all.”

That’s a little like being late for work because your bartender was moving slow.

But sure — we’ve been there. The thing is, Sigel doesn’t really intend to pay up no matter where he’s living.

“You shouldn’t be able to tax income,” he says. “If I fix your roof and you wanna pay me in 20 pounds of bananas, do you think Uncle Sam wants 45 per cent of my bananas? But because you’re paying me \$400,000 in currency he wants a part of that.”

Beanie, whenever you make it out of prison, we fear you and your non-logic have a career in politics.



Reese Witherspoon

## Source says hospital visit a ‘normal thing’ for Reese

All is well after a surprise visit to the hospital this week by Reese Witherspoon had friends worried she might be having her baby earlier than expected, according to the Daily Mail. “The visit is a normal thing for a lot of pregnant women and this is no drama,” a source tells the newspaper. “All parties involved are healthy and fine.”

But that’s not how things looked a day ago, when sources told Radar Online, “Reese was actually taken to the hospital on Tuesday night with complications. She was released that night and then rushed back to the hospital (Wednesday). At this point it looks like she might have the baby.” The baby is due in early September.

### Twitter



@MissKellyO

had to leave the pool because the old pervert was there today he told me he likes watching me sunbathe because i remind him of Betty Grable



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#### The Greek Dog

It's inspired by feta cheese and spinach that are in spanakopita.

Thaw 1 cup of frozen shredded spinach; squeeze it over sink to remove water. In skillet over medium-high, heat splash of olive oil. Sauté spinach, diced medium onion and 2 minced cloves of garlic. When onion tender, season with salt, pepper and dill seed. Grill 4 hot dogs and toast 4 hot dog buns over medium heat. Spoon spinach mix into each bun, then place a hot dog over it. Top with feta cheese and tzatziki.



#### The Pizza Dog

The only way to make meat-wrapped meat better is to add melted cheese.

Using 2 slices of prosciutto per hot dog, wrap 4 hot dogs tightly in prosciutto. Grill over low heat, turning until prosciutto is crisp and lightly browned, about 8

minutes. Fill 4 hot dog buns with bocconcini (small balls of fresh mozzarella). Toast the buns on the grill (bun opening facing up) until the cheese is warm and starting to melt. Place a hot dog in each bun, then top with oil-packed chopped sun-dried tomatoes and chopped fresh basil.

#### The Taco Dog

Soft and crunchy and spicy and creamy — exactly the way a taco should be.

Spoon refried beans into 4 hot dog buns. Lightly crumble about 12 tortilla chips, then sprinkle some over the refried beans in each bun. Grill 4 hot dogs

over low heat. Toast the prepared buns (bun openings facing up) until the beans are heated. Place a hot dog in each bun, then top with sliced jalapeno peppers, tomato salsa, sliced black olives and shredded cheddar cheese.

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## East meets West

Italian and Chinese cultures take to the streets with food, entertainment and art, for the East meets West festival Aug. 25 and 26. From the Chinese lion dance to Italian and Chinese opera, the festival focuses on Chinatown Saturday, and then moves to Giovanni Caboto Park on 95 St. on Sunday. There will be plenty of atmosphere and yummy eats. Take it all in.



## I Guess that's why they call it the blues

Heritage. Folk. Fringe. Can we handle yet another festival? Of course, and this one is for blues lovers of every ilk. Hear the likes of Big Dave McLean and Tommy Castro and the Painkillers — veterans and newcomers alike offer up soulful sounds at the Heritage Amphitheatre in Hawrelak Park Aug. 24 to 26. A single day pass for Saturday or Sunday is \$45. See bluesinternationalalltd.com.



## Back to the Track

The thrills and elegance of thoroughbred horse racing is celebrated Saturday, Aug. 25 at Northlands Park with the Canadian Derby. The 83rd annual event will award big prize money in several races leading up to the main event. Bonus: stick around for the Mardi Gras-themed after party and \$8 Cajun buffet. Tickets at northlandspark, 780-471-7342.



## Wine, cheese and tapas

When do you ever get a chance to visit the Old Strathcona Farmers Market on a weeknight? You can on Aug. 30, for an evening of wine, cheese and tapas. A \$50 ticket provides sampling of local cheeses care of The Cheesiry and Sylvan Star Gouda, bite-sized tapas from host Harvest Catering, and wine pairings from Vines Riverbend. Tickets are at Earth's General Store or Harvest Café.



## They ain't afraid of no ghost

The newest show to take to the stage at Jubilations Dinner Theatre opens Friday for a two-month run, but don't be scared. Ghost Busted is actually a comic tale of the strange goings-on at the Dorchester Hotel, told in zany, musical theatre fashion by in-character servers between your entrée and dessert. It's always a fun night, and there's food involved! At West Edmonton Mall. For tickets call 780-484-2424.



## Red Shoe Crawl

Mark your calendar. The Ronald McDonald House Northern Alberta Red Shoe Crawl — A Taste of 124 St. is set to go in a couple of weeks — it's a fundraiser for the important work done by the house for sick kids and their families. With a \$40 passport, or \$100 for a family of four, you can enjoy culinary delights from designated shops and restaurants around 124 St. between 1-5 p.m. Visit [rssna.ca](http://rssna.ca) for tickets.

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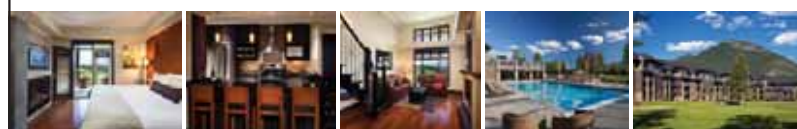
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Sanjuana's Pozole (rich corn and pork soup) is one of the dishes that will be spotlighted on Chuck's Week Off. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ FOOD NETWORK CANADA

# Spotlighting a 'different Mexico'

**Television.** Chef Chuck Hughes hopes to show a lesser-known side of the country and its cuisine with new series

Montreal star chef Chuck Hughes says he hopes to open Canadian eyes to "a different Mexico" with his new tele-

vision series.

Chuck's Week Off, debuting Aug. 28 on Food Network Canada, saw him venturing on and off the beaten path for two months in Mexico, trying everything from hiking to diving to lassoing with locals.

Of course, he also helped make authentic Mexican meals along the way, including home-made ranchero cheese, beef jerky, chocolate clams, and head tacos (com-

## Beyond the ordinary

**"Everybody knows pico de gallo and tacos — well, there's so much more."**

Chef Chuck Hughes of new series *Chuck's Day Off* on his experience with Mexican food during the two months he spent in the country filming

ini-Award-nominated Chuck's Day Off, which is broadcast in 30 countries.

The co-owner and chef of Montreal hot-spots Garde Manger and Le Bremner chose Mexico for the spinoff because he knows how to speak a little bit of Spanish and wanted to explore its terrain and cuisine.

"Everybody knows pico de gallo and tacos — well there's so much more," he said by phone. "Being from Quebec, my whole life I grew up on pork, corn, potatoes, and when I look at Mexico it's the same kind of deal, only they have hot peppers and they use the corn in a different fashion. But basically our staples are the same."

Watching Mexican locals cook with old-school methods — using local, in-season ingredients and minimizing waste — in remote areas with few resources taught Hughes a few techniques. It also made him realize how lucky he is to have everything at his disposal at his kitchens in Canada.

"I think that's probably what I take back the most from my whole experience. Not necessarily any specific recipe but more of a philosophy and a way of treating the ingredients, looking at the ingredients and respecting the food," said Hughes.

"My life revolves around it and I've always respected food a lot, but in terms of professional cooking, we're very, very lucky that we have water whenever we want and it's used in every stage."

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plete with eyes, brain, tongue and cheek).

Hughes says despite recent headlines surrounding violent attacks on Canadians in Mexico, and a travel warning from Ottawa urging Canucks to exercise "extreme caution" in certain areas, he never felt unsafe during his stay last summer.

"There's probably 5,000 people that give a country of 120 million a bad rap," he said. "I travelled for two months everywhere. I literally went everywhere, not once did I feel threatened, not once did I feel scared. People were more scared of me, if anything. They were like, 'Who is that tall white guy with all the tattoos?'"

Hughes was particularly taken with Mexico City, where he stayed in the French-influenced Condesa district.

"I feel like it's a place where almost, I belong. I felt like I was home," said Hughes, 35. "I love the whole country, it was amazing, but Mexico City in particular was just really eye-opening."

The eight-part series is the first spinoff of Hughes' Gem-

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In Chuck's Week Off, the chef ventures on and off the beaten path in Mexico to discover the country and its cuisine. HANDOUT



## Golf

## Tseng feeling at home at the Canadian Open

Yani Tseng and Na Yeon Choi were feeling right at home in Vancouver during Thursday's opening round of the Canadian Women's Open.

Tseng, the world's No. 1, held the first-round lead after she fired a 6-under-par 66 in a successful return to the golf course where she won her first pro tournament in 2007.

Choi was just one shot back, with a five-under 67, after leading for much of the day. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Basketball

## Triano gets another chance to coach national team

Jay Triano is returning to the helm of the Canadian men's basketball team.

Triano was the team's head coach from 1998 to 2004, leading the team to the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

Steve Nash, GM of the Canadian team, says Triano is a "confirmed and respected leader" in the basketball community.

Triano, 53, was the first Canadian-born and Canadian-trained coach in the NBA when he joined the Toronto Raptors in 2002 as an assistant.

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## CFL



**"He's been nothing but great since he's been with us."**

Toronto Argonauts

on new offensive tackle Tony Washington. On May 9, 2003, Washington pleaded guilty to prohibitive sexual conduct with his sister, Caylen. At the time, he was 16. She was 15. He remains a registered sex offender in the U.S.



NHL players, from left, Brian Elliott of the St. Louis Blues, Kevin Westgarth of the L.A. Kings and Mike Weaver of the Florida Panthers leave the NHL offices Thursday following talks with the NHL in Toronto. **CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

# Outlook grim for NHL with lockout looming

**Negotiations.** League and union no nearer a resolution as Sept. 15 deadline draws near

Another NHL lockout is beginning to feel like an inevitability.

Unable to move beyond the philosophical stage of talks, the owners and players have watched another week slip by without progress. They sat down together for a quick session Thursday morning before reporting the same significant

gap that has existed all along.

The main issue that divides them is far from complex.

"We believe we're paying out more than we should be," said commissioner Gary Bettman. "It's as simple as that."

Of course, the NHL Players' Association doesn't quite see it that way.

Executive director Donald Fehr has acknowledged there's room for some flexibility in that area — last week's proposal included three years with a slightly lower share in revenues for the players — but he hasn't come to the table in a

## Not much progress

With both sides so entrenched, real negotiations have yet to begin even though the Sept. 15 deadline for a lockout is fast approaching.

conciliatory mood after taking over a union that capitulated during the last round of negotiations.

"Everybody understands that employers would always like to pay less," said Fehr. "That's not a surprise to any-

body — it's disappointing sometimes — but it's not a surprise."

The parties attempted to make some progress Wednesday by clearing the meeting room of everyone but the key figures: Bettman and deputy commissioner Bill Daly along with Fehr and his brother Steve Fehr, the union's No. 2 man.

They soon discovered there was little common ground.

Those same four men will reopen talks next Tuesday in New York during what promises to be a key negotiation session. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## USADA vows to strip Armstrong of Tour titles



Lance Armstrong. **GETTY IMAGES FILE**

U.S. Anti-Doping Agency chief executive Travis Tygart says the agency will ban Lance Armstrong from cycling for life and strip him of his seven Tour de France titles for doping.

Armstrong says USADA doesn't have the authority to vacate his Tour titles. However, Tygart told The Associated Press that USADA can do it.

Armstrong on Thursday night dropped any further challenges to USADA's allegations that he took performance-enhancing drugs to win cycling's premier event from 1999-2005.

Tygart called the Armstrong case a "heartbreaking"

## Quoted

**"The toll this has taken on my family and my work for our foundation and on me leads me to where I am today — finished with this nonsense."** Lance Armstrong in a statement saying he would no longer fight allegations he took performance enhancing drugs

example of a win-at-all costs approach to sports.

Armstrong, who retired last year, declined to enter arbitration — his last option — because he said he was weary of fighting accusations that have dogged him for years. He has consistently pointed to the hundreds of drug tests that he has passed as proof of his in-

nocence.

"There comes a point in every man's life when he has to say, 'Enough is enough.' For me, that time is now," Armstrong said in a statement sent to The Associated Press. He called the USADA investigation an "unconstitutional witch hunt."

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# 4 SPORTS

## Mobile sports



**Oakland's Brandon McCarthy says he's confident he's clean whenever the call comes for a random Major League Baseball drug test. But the Athletics' right-hander admits the nerves do sometimes creep in, especially after his teammate, Bartolo Colon, received a 50-game ban earlier this week. Scan the code for the story.**



# Jones to fight in Toronto after UFC 151 cancelled

## Mixed martial arts.

UFC president Dana White angry at Jones for refusing a replacement fight

The UFC cancelled its Sept. 1 pay-per-view show Thursday after light heavyweight contender Dan Henderson injured his knee and champion Jon Jones declined a replacement fight with Chael Sonnen.

UFC President Dana White was left furious with Jones and his trainer, Greg Jackson, after the UFC was forced to scrap a major card for the first time in his 11 years in charge of mixed martial arts' dominant promotion.

"This is probably one of my all-time lows," White said. "The one thing that I never thought

## Quoted

"We've never, ever had a fighter refuse to fight somebody, especially a fighter who is a world champion as well as one of the top pound-for-pound guys in the world."

UFC President Dana White is furious with light heavyweight champion Jon Jones for declining a replacement fight with Chael Sonnen.



Jon Jones, left, lands a kick on Brazil's Lyoto Machida during UFC 140 in Toronto in December. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

in a million years would ever happen — it happened."

White said Jones is the first UFC champion ever to turn down a match even on such short notice, calling the decision "selfish" and "disgusting."

UFC 151 was scheduled for Sept. 1 at Mandalay Bay Events Center in Las Vegas. Jones agreed to defend his title against former champion Lyoto Machida at UFC 152 in Toronto on Sept. 22 in a rematch of their bout last December in the same city.

But that did nothing to curb White's anger at one of his promotion's biggest stars — and an athlete personally sponsored by the UFC. Last-minute matchup changes occur frequently in MMA

shows due to injuries, and White rarely has a problem getting his tough-guy fighters to take risks.

Jones and Jackson

didn't immediately respond to requests for comment.

The 41-year-old Henderson was forced to drop out of his title shot against Jones after partially tearing a ligament in his knee during training, according to White.

Sonnen immediately agreed to take the assignment on eight days' notice, even moving up from 185 pounds to 205 to do it. The trash-talking Sonnen was stopped by middleweight champion Anderson Silva on July 7 in their entertaining rematch at UFC 148, the UFC's biggest show of the summer.

But White said Jones and Jackson decided the champion couldn't be ready to fight the dangerous Sonnen. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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## CFL. White caps Alouettes' comeback win over Ticats



Alouettes kicker Sean Whyte, right, celebrates with teammate Josh Neiswander after kicking the winning field goal on Thursday. PAUL CHASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sean Whyte kicked a 37-yard field goal as time expired to give the Montreal Alouettes a 31-29 win over the Hamilton Tiger-Cats on Thursday night in Montreal.

Montreal scored 13 points in the fourth quarter, including a three-yard touchdown run by Brandon Whitaker and a 17-yard field goal by Whyte which put the Alouettes up 28-26 at 12:09.

Hamilton's Luca Congi kicked his fifth field goal of the game with 1:22 remaining, a 47-yarder to put the Tiger-Cats up 29-28.

Chris Williams tied a CFL record with his fifth kick return touchdown of the season for Hamilton in the second quarter.

Montreal quarterback Anthony Calvillo celebrated his 40th birthday with a milestone touchdown pass to S.J. Green,

Thursday's game	
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hitting the Alouettes' receiver in the end zone for a 10-yard strike 9:53 into the second quarter.

Calvillo's 436th career touchdown pass moved him past Warren Moon into second place all-time in pro football history. Moon threw 435 touchdown passes, including 144 with Edmonton from 1978-83. Brett Favre threw 508 touchdown passes, all in the NFL.

Williams returned Whyte's punt 70 yards for his fifth kick return touchdown of the season, tying Henry Williams' CFL single-season record set in 1991. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Defence key to B.C.'s supremacy

More than offence fuelling defending champs' league-best record; Argos looking for ammo in Rambo; Eskimos attack has to start picking up slack

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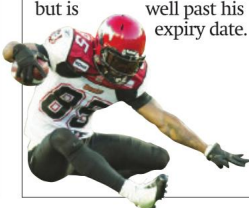


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### B.C. Lions

The Lions' smothering defence has looked unbeatable in recent weeks and hasn't allowed a touchdown in 13 quarters while the team has surrendered less than 10 points in three straight games. It is the key reason they are first in the CFL with a 5-2 record, even though the offence seems to attract most of the accolades.



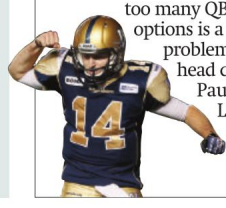
### Toronto Argonauts

The signing this week of receiver Ken-Yon Rambo says all you need to know about the Argos offensive punch. Despite having Ricky Ray at QB, Toronto is looking for offensive inspiration from the 32-year-old former Stampeders who was sensational in his time in Calgary but is well past his expiry date.



### Calgary Stampeders

At 3-4, Calgary plays its most important game of the season Saturday in Regina against the 3-4 Roughriders, currently experiencing a four-game slide. A Stamps win would claim the season series, (including a 41-38 win in July), which could decide a playoff spot come November.



### Winnipeg Blue Bombers

A few weeks back we argued Buck Pierce should ride the pine once he returns to health, and leave Alex Brink in charge of the offence. Well, the same scenario applies for backup Joey Elliott should he continue his hot streak. Having too many QB options is a good problem for head coach Paul LaPolice.



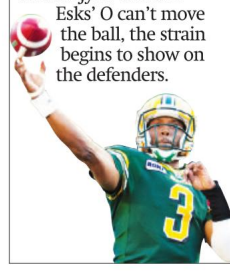
### Saskatchewan Roughriders

Fans have reason to demand change after the Riders' worst offensive showing of the season last week in Vancouver when they failed to find the endzone. But the Roughies' brass needs to be wary of rash decisions based on fan outrage (Fire Corey Chamblin! Bench Darian Durant!). Another hot streak still gives the Riders a chance to finish first in the West.



### Edmonton Eskimos

The Eskimos' defence deserves most of the credit for the team's surprisingly strong showing. But when QB Steven Jyles and the Eskies' O can't move the ball, the strain begins to show on the defenders.









## Horoscopes

## ♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

Be honest with yourself about your financial situation. The only way to resolve a problem is to identify exactly what that problem is, so stop pretending everything is fine and get to grips with reality. You'll do OK.

## ♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Don't look for the usual explanations today. Look for explanations that seem most outrageous, because those are the ones most likely to be true. You need to learn to think in more creative ways.

## ♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

The Sun's link to Neptune will confront you with situations, both at home and at work, that demand a more flexible response. Approach the same old problems in the same old ways — and you'll get the same old results.

## ♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Don't waste time trying to make sense of what is going on in the world because most likely it will make no sense. The good news is you are one of the lucky few who will benefit from the upheavals.

## ♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

The more others tell you to follow the herd and do what everyone else is doing, the more you should do the opposite! The herd always ends up in the slaughterhouse, so break free and be the one who survives.

## ♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

You have got to be active if you want to succeed. For best results today get out into the world and meet as many new people as you can. Luck is most likely to come when you are on the move.

## ♏ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

The rules of the game are for other people. Why? Because you are playing a different game entirely. Do as you please and come and go as you see fit. To put it bluntly: Who is going to stop you?

## ♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Do something out of the ordinary today. If others are shocked by your behaviour, that's both a bad sign and a good sign: bad in that it confirms you've become too predictable; good in that you know you must change.

## ♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Focus on your work today and believe that you can turn your dreams into realities. Whatever career path you have been following to date you must be more adventurous over the coming few weeks. What have you got to lose?

## ♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Capricorn may be traditional by nature but you know when it is right to disrupt the status quo and that's now. Chaos is not always a bad thing. Out of disruption will come a more positive way of life.

## ♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You can afford to take a few risks today. No matter how close you sail to the edge, the planets suggest you won't fall over. Even if, somehow, you do, you'll have a soft landing.

## ♓ Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

What you need to realize today is that when you go to one extreme, you encourage those who disagree with you to go to the opposite extreme. Is that what you want? If not, be moderate in what you say and do. **SALLY BROMPTON**

## Crossword: A Team Member, a Party, a Group, and a Game

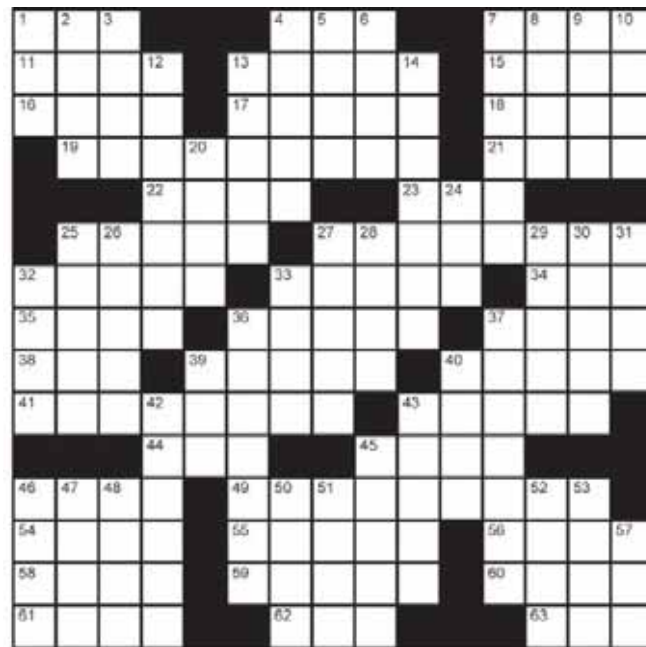
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## Across

1. Distribute seeds
4. Scotsman's cap
7. Cash register
11. National Park west of Banff
13. It might come at the end of a fable
15. One of the reeds
16. \_\_\_ & Span: household cleanser
17. "... say, not \_\_\_": parental words to kids about following orders (3 wds.)
18. Battle with police
19. Member of a Calgary team
21. AOL and Comcast
22. World's longest river
23. 180° from WNW
25. Climb
27. Winnipeg's "American Woman" band (2 wds.)
32. Gazillions
33. Daybreaks, poetically
34. Condo group: initialism
35. \_\_\_ grievance: complain openly (2 wds.)
36. Refrigerator maker now part of Maytag
37. Remainder
38. Flying saucer
39. Bank holdings: abbr.
40. Come into port
41. Canada's oldest federally registered party
43. Spelunking sites
44. Was ahead
45. Florence's river
46. Biting insect
49. Sport often associated with Canada (2 wds.)
54. Wyatt \_\_\_: Gunfight at the OK Corral survivor now buried in Colma, CA
55. Edgar \_\_\_ Poe
56. Ancient love god
58. Garage sale stipulation (2 wds.)
59. Victoria-born singer Furtado
60. Fathers
61. "Of \_\_\_ I Sing"
62. Obese
63. Posed

## Down

1. \_\_\_ admin: computer techie, for short
2. "Uh oh"
3. Insubstantial amount
4. "We're off \_\_\_ the Wizard" (2 wds.)
5. Dry
6. Fabricated
7. Harper's group
8. Bird associated with 22-Across
9. Circle around
10. Permits
12. Anthem sung in every province (2 wds.)
13. Symbolic Canadian leaf
14. Manitoba-born singer McKennitt who performs world music with Celtic and Middle Eastern themes
20. 1,000 \_\_\_ = 1 inch
24. Rattler's warning
25. Space opera genre (2 wds.)
26. Chocolate substitute
27. Agile mountain animals
28. Banquet coffeepots
29. In what place?
30. Has, as a party
31. Promise
32. David's biblical predecessor
33. CCXV x X [how did the old Romans ever manage arithmetic?]
36. Early French Canadian
37. Took back, as permission
39. Exist
40. BMO: Fr.
42. Go by, as time
43. Political ally
45. Grind to \_\_\_: stop suddenly (2 wds.)
46. Great accomplishment
47. Cat-o'-nine-tails
48. Great Lake
50. Music sheet mark
51. Songstress Fitzgerald of jazz
52. Historic periods
53. He said, "Do, or do not. There is no try."
57. Tupolev Tu-144, for one: initialism



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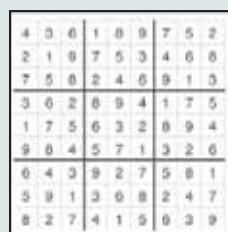


## Sudoku

## How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

## Yesterday's Sudoku

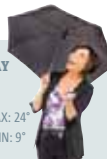


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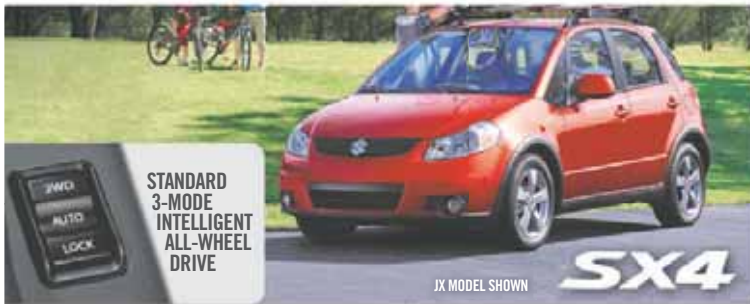
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